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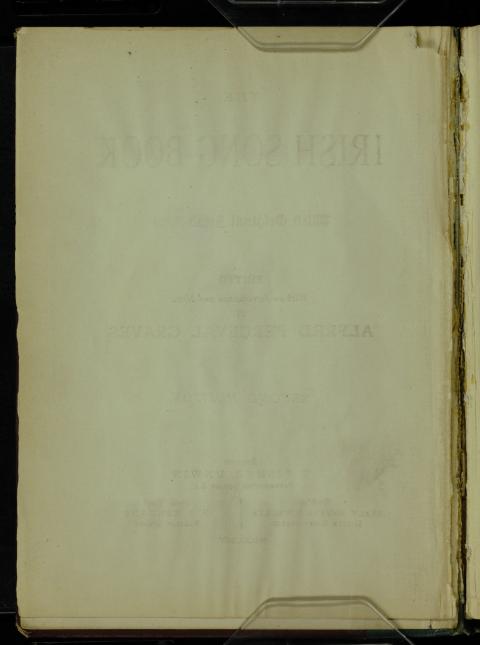


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DEAR Joyce, who erst so unlocked the lore Delightful of Erin's templed shore, That Cahir and Cashel, and Coom and Curragh, Thrilled with Her ancient past once more;—

Who then so held our hearts in fee, Of old Romance Arch-Shenachie, That each, turned child among his children, Saddened or smiled around your knee;—

Who last the historian's full renown
Have compassed, crowning with equal crown
The dread defenders of leaguered Derry,
The fiery warders of Limerick town;—

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Who yet, the while, with purpose strong, Lest Famine's fierce, far-scattering thong, Lest false new fashion or party passion Should slay or sully our Ancient Song,

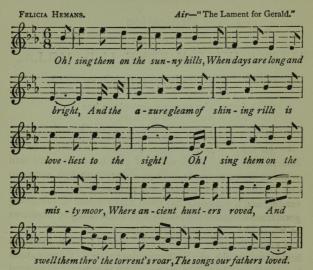
Still fondly gleaned its failing gold
From the faltering strings of the blind and old,
From the keening crone and the hushing mother,
The whistle and drone of the field and fold;—

But gathered still pure strain on strain, So generous-free from thought of gain, No minstrel brother has asked you ever Of your abundance, yet asked in vain;—

Therefore, and since of the clairseach crew I most have studied to mint anew
To measures olden your treasures golden,
This garland of song is your guerdon due.

ALFRED PERCEVAL GRAVES.

THE SONGS YOUR FATHERS LOVED.



The songs our sires rejoiced to hear When harps were in the hall,
And each proud note made lance and spear Thrill on the banner'd wall;
The songs that through our valleys green Ring on from age to age,
Like his own river's voice, have been The peasant's heritage.

Your children teach them round the hearth
When evening fires burn clear,
And in the fields of harvest mirth,
And on the hills of deer.
So shall each unforgotten word
When far those loved ones roam,
Call back the hearts which once it stirred
To childhood's holy home.

INTRODUCTION.

THE task of editing this volume has been no easy one, for many of our best lyrics remain unmatched or ill-matched to music, and some of our finest airs are still without worthy words. Then our choice folk-songs in the Gaelic tongue are incomprehensible to the general reader, and a difficulty has been experienced in obtaining good translations or adaptations from them in the measures to which the originals were sung.

Again, our early folk-songs in English have not been hitherto treated as Ramsay, Burns, and Cunningham treated those of the Lowlands—a course strongly advocated by Thomas Davis. They have not been suitably condensed and pruned of the bombastic metaphors, irrelevancies, and exaggerations with which they abound, as he suggests they should be.

Moreover, too many of our later Irish lyrics fail as songs or ballads for music, either owing to their undue length or diffuseness of thought, their want of dramatic form, or their too rhetorical character. Dealing with these folksongs and later lyrics is extremely delicate work. Yet I feel it would be a pity to have to omit them from a collection professing to be a representative one, when the removal of an excrescence here, or the omission or transposition of a stanza there, would make just the difference needful to the entire success of the song or ballad. For

this treatment of Irish songs I shall no doubt be roundly attacked by those to whom every syllable of the "Battle of the Boyne" and "Shule Agra," or every individual verse of our more recent national lyrics is sacred. I am none the less persuaded that, on both literary and musical grounds, such treatment will do these lyrics the truest justice.

Modern taste will not tolerate the chanting of a dozen verses or more to the same tune. Few songs should exceed four or five, and a ballad, if it runs to greater length, can generally be compressed within a reasonable vocal compass, unless it lends itself to treatment as a cantata, as would some of our longer ballads and other narrative poems.

Moore was before his time in recognising the artistic value of brevity in the modern song and ballad. His best melodies are his shortest, and few of them run to what would be now regarded as undue length. Moreover, his knowledge of lyrical perspective is unrivalled. His thought is pellucid, never obscured by condensation, or dimmed by diffuseness. But he most asserts his mastery in song-craft by the apparent ease with which he matches the most intricate musical measures, and mates the striking notes of each tune to the words most adapted to them, both in sound and sense; to say nothing of the art with which he almost Italianises our essentially unmusical English speech, by a melodious sequence of varying vowels and alliterative consonants, which almost sing themselves.

Yet whilst Moore has, in addition to this vocal quality, the very perfection of playful wit and graceful fancy, and now and again real pathos and an irresistible martial spirit, many of his melodies are not standing the test of undly

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time. This is either because our fine airs have been altered in time or character, and assorted by Moore with the sentimental, metaphorical, and pseudo-philosophical fancies that took the taste of the English upper classes half a century ago, or because the tunes to which some of his finer lyrics are set are not of first-rate quality.

It is our plain duty to divorce these ill-matched lyrics from their present partners, and to mate them to worthy airs in the Petrie and Joyce collections, and in Bunting's last volume, which came after Moore's last melodies.

It is as plain an obligation to slip out of their golden settings Moore's occasional bits of green glass, and to slip into them the occasional emeralds of his contemporaries and successors.

It will be recognised that I have found fresh partners for a few favourite airs and lyrics, and set words by some of our leading poets under little-known tunes in the Petrie and Joyce collections, which I trust may hereafter be harmonised to them in a lasting alliance.

A few songs which the editors of the New Irish Library would have liked to include in the present volume, have unfortunately been kept out of it owing to the refusal of permission for their use by the holders of the musical copyright, or a difficulty in approaching the owners of the literary copyright in these lyrics.

From whom are we to look for the purest settings of our Irish airs? "From the harpers and other instrumentalists," says Bunting. "From the ballad-singers," rejoins Petrie.

The question is discussed by Dr. Petrie at considerable length in his preface to the first volume of his noble collection of the ancient music of Ireland.

Bunting's dogma is "that a strain of music once impressed on the popular ear never varies. It may be

made the vehicle of many different sets of words, but it will no more alter its character on their account than a ship will change the number of its masts on account of an alteration in the nature of its lading."

To this position Petrie objects that "I rarely, if ever, obtained two settings of an unpublished air that were strictly the same; though in some instances I have gotten as many as fifty notations of the one melody.

"Harpers and other instrumentalists are indeed Bunting's most common authorities for his tunes whenever he gives any; but I must say that, except in the case of tunes of a purely instrumental character, I have found such authorities usually the least to be trusted: and that it was only from the chanting of vocalists, who combined words with the airs, that settings could be made which would have any stamp of purity or authenticity. For our airs are not, like so many modern melodies, mere ad libitum arrangements of a pleasing succession of tones, in a general way expressive of the sentiments of the song for which they were composed, but always strictly co-incident with and subservient to the laws of rhythm and metre which govern the construction of those songs, and to which they consequently owe their peculiarities of structure. And hence it obviously follows that the entire body of our vocal melodies may be easily divided into and arranged under as many classes as there are metrical forms of construction in our native lyrics, but no further; and that any melody that will not naturally fall into some one or other of those classes must be either corrupt or altogether fictitious."

The question thus raised by Dr. Petrie should be of keen interest to musical and metrical folk-lorists, such as Dr. Joyce and Dr. Douglas Hyde, and a classification suggested by him of our Irish airs under the heads of the

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various early and later Celtic metres in vogue, would be not only a valuable contribution towards the historical study of our music, but would also serve as a guide to our song-writers when in search of the measures most appropriate to our airs.

Professor O'Curry has indeed opened the way for this investigation by a suggestive passage in one of his chapters on Irish music in his "Manners and Customs or the Ancient Irish." He here states it as a fact that we have Irish poems as early as the ninth century which will sing to some of our ancient airs; for example, an invocation for God's protection upon his coracle by Cormac Mac Cullinane, King and Bishop of Cashel, who died in 903 A.D. This measure is identical with that of Cowper's lines—

"I am monarch of all I survey,
My rights there is none to dispute,
From the centre all round to the sea
I am lord of the fowl and the brute."

And so on, for four lines more. The Professor adds, "Those verses of King Cormac MacCullinane, now almost a thousand years old, which sing to the air of "For Ireland I would not tell who she is," is adduced as an interesting fact proving that a fragment of a lyric poem, ascribed to a writer of the ninth century, and actually preserved in a manuscript book so old as the year 1150, presents a peculiar structure of rhythm exactly corresponding with that of certain ancient musical compositions, still popular and well known, and according to tradition of the highest antiquity."

A communication from Dr. Joyce, received during the compilation of this volume, contains this valuable addition to the inquiry: "O'Curry wishes to show that

certain ancient metrical pieces might or may be sung to certain existing Irish airs. True enough! But he might have greatly strengthened his position by making the following assertion, which evidently escaped him. In modern Irish, and in Hiberno-English too, there is a whole class of Irish airs, corresponding to which there is a fixed measure of Irish song to be sung to them. 'The Colleen Rue' (Petrie, page 2) is an example of English words to this measure, exactly resembling the old Irish words in metre and assonances:—

"'Kind sir, be easy, and do not tease me With your false praises most jestingly; Your dissimulation, and invocation, And vaunting praises, alluring me.'

and so on for four lines more. I could name off my fingers twenty songs with their twenty airs, all in this measure—all from living tradition, mind! not from books. Now it is very interesting that the verse from the book of Ballymote, given by O'Curry (p. 393), is exactly in this measure, with the same recurrence of assonantal rhymes, and can be sung to any one of the numerous airs in the corresponding measure."

I may myself name another metre of great antiquity which will be found reproduced by Dr. Douglas Hyde in his beautiful lyric, "My love, O she is my love," which I have matched to an old Irish air in the Petrie collection.

Space does not here permit me to enter at length into the questions of the origin, antiquity, and history of Irish music. Suffice it to say that whether of Greek, Norse, or Phœnician descent, Irish music was pre-eminent in Europe as early as we possess records; that Ireland was the school of music for the Celts of Great Britain during the Middle Ages, and that her minstrelsy remained

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unrivalled until the Irish Bard, famous for "the three feats" of solemn, gay, and sleep-compelling music, degenerated under the stress of the internecine conflict between Saxon and Gael in Ireland into the strolling minstrel, and finally into the street ballad singer.

Thomas Davis was thrilled through and through by Irish music, and expressed it in a few stirring ballads, which are truer folk-songs than any of Moore's. But his invaluable life was cut short when his lyrical genius was in full flower.

He has, however, left behind him an essay on songcraft which serves as a preface to Barry's book of Irish songs, which certainly merits reprinting for the valuable hints it gives the young writer of words to our national music, as the following extract will show. It is a notable instance of Davis's unselfish readiness to impart for the common good what other lyrists have regarded as the legitimate trade secrets of their craft:—

"In endeavouring to learn an air for the purpose of writing words to it, the first care should, of course, be to get at its character—as gay, hopeful, loving, sentimental, lively, hesitating, woeful, despairing, resolute, fiery, or variable.

"Many Irish airs take a different character when played fast or slow, lightly or strongly, but there is some one mode of playing which is best of all, and the character expressed by it must determine the character of the words. For nothing can be worse than a gay song to calm music, or massive words to a delicate air; in all cases the tune must suggest, and will suggest, to the lyrist the sentiment of the words.

"The tune will, of course, fix the number of lines in a verse. Frequently the number and order of the lines can

be varied. Three rhymes and a fall, or couplets, or alternate rhymes, may answer the same set of notes; or rhymes, if too numerous, may be got rid of by making one long, instead of two short lines. Where the same notes come with emphasis at the ends of musical phrases, the words should rhyme, in order to secure the full effect.

"The doubling two lines into one is most convenient where the first has accents on both the last syllables, for thus you escape the necessity of double rhyming. In the softer airs the effect of this is rather agreeable than otherwise.

"Talking of double rhymes, they are peculiarly fitted for strong political and didactic songs, for the abstract and political words in English are chiefly of Latin origin, of considerable length and gravity, and have double accents. The more familiar English words (which best suit most songs) contain few doubly accented terminations, and are, therefore, little fitted for double rhyming.

"Expletive syllables in the beginning of lines where the tune is sharp and gay are often an improvement, but they should never follow a double rhyme.

"In strong and firm tunes, having a syllable for every note is a perfection, though one hard to be attained without harshness, from the crowd of consonants in English.

"With soft tunes, on the other hand, it is commonly better to have in most lines two or more light notes to one syllable, so that the words may be dwelt on and softly sounded, but where and how must be determined by the taste of the writer.

"The sound of the air will always show the current of thought, its pauses and changes; and a nice attention and bold sympathy with these properties of a tune is necessary to lyrical success." Davis complains of the provincialism and sectarianism of many of our Irish popular songs, Celtic or Anglo-Irish. But whilst he pays a glowing tribute to Moore for what he has done for Irish national song, he laments his failure to reach the popular heart of Ireland, as Burns reached that of Scotland, and makes this passionate appeal to his fellow countrymen to fill the wide gaps that still exist in our national minstrelsy:—

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"If they be poets, they can do so. If they be men of bounding animal spirits, who love the rise because of its toil and the descent because of its speed—who have grown up amid the common talk and pictures of nature—the bosomed lake amid rocks like a woman in a warrior's arms, the endless sea with its roaring or whispering fringes, the mantled or glittering or thundering night, the bleak moor, the many-voiced trees, the bounding river: if they be men who have passionately loved, and ere philosophy raised them above it, ardently hated: if they be men generous in friendship, hearty at the hearth, tranced by sweet or maddened by strong sounds, sobbing with unused strength and fiery for freedom and glory, then they can write lyrics for every class in Ireland."

This noble appeal has not been left quite unheeded, as the songs of Davis's successors published in this book will go to prove. But a full answer to it has been long in coming. Its reprint at this time, when a new day of peace with progress seems dawning for Ireland, may help further to realise his fine aspiration, if only the Irish musicians will come forward to help us.

In what condition is our national musical art? It now stands in need of a far wider awakening than does the Irish poetry of its risen or rising representatives, Aubrey de Vere, Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, Denny Lane, T. D.

Sullivan, Michael Hogan, Martin MacDermott, John Todhunter, George Savage Armstrong, Ellen O'Leary, Emily Hickey, Katharine Hinkson (Tynan), Douglas Hyde, the Sigersons, and William Butler Yeats, Count Plunkett, T. W. Rolleston, Francis Fahy and P. J. McCall. long obscured though our literature has been by the dust of the political conflicts which have followed the era of the Young Irelanders. For but one Irish musician of commanding genius, Charles Villiers Stanford, has sought inspiration from those well-nigh inexhaustible sources of Irish music to be found in the great collections of our ancient music, which had remained almost neglected for thirty years, till he unlocked them to my words in "Songs of Old Ireland," published by Boosey & Co., fifty old Irish airs untouched by Moore, exquisitely arranged and harmonised by his hand.

This was an absolutely new departure. For the collection dealt with lullabies, laments, rustic love songs, and songs of sport and occupation—in fact, classes of folk song that Moore had either let alone or diverted from their original intention. The reception that this volume met with led to the publication of another of the same character, "Thirty Irish Songs and Ballads," recently issued by Novello & Co.

Dr. Stanford's work in this second volume is a distinct advance upon his former brilliant achievement. I marvel that his masterly treatment of Irish music has not incited any of his fellow-countrymen to emulate his example. I cannot believe that it is merely because they have been deterred by his very talent from an attempt to rival him. For the field of Irish music is vast. Let them explore it, and they will find it contains scope for the most varied individuality.

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As surely as Mr. Stopford Brooke can point to the most precious manuscripts and printed materials for minting into Irish romance, story, drama, and ballad, so surely could a great musical critic like Dr. Hubert Parry, in reviewing the Bunting, Petrie, Holden, Joyce, and Levey collections, which contain over 2,000 musical pieces, indicate theme after theme suitable for treatment in oratorio or opera, sonata or song. For this is how our music stands the keen search-light of his criticism: "Irish folk music is probably the most human, most varied, most poetical in the world, and is particularly rich in tunes which imply considerable sympathetic sensitiveness." What are our Irish schools of music doing with this inestimable legacy? How many of their professors and teachers are even alive to its existence? If so, how is their knowledge of it influencing the studies of their pupils? How often does it operate upon the programmes of Dublin and provincial concerts?

It is indeed high time for us to restart a school of national Irish music. If not, we shall assuredly forfeit our national birthright of song; for, Antæus-like, our musicians have lost their power since they have been lifted from the touch of their native earth. If this collection of songs and airs, which from its size cannot pretend to give more than a fair sample of Irish lyrics, sets them thinking in this direction, it will have served the main purpose for which it was compiled. It will have proved the pioneer to what, sooner or later, Ireland will surely demand—a nobly harmonised national, not class or party, collection of her immortal melodies.

It only remains for me to acknowledge obligation where it is due. I offer it to Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, for asking me to add this volume to the new Library or

Ireland, and thus enabling me to give practical expression to my enthusiasm for Irish song. I heartily owe it to my old friend, Dr. Joyce, who has generously given me the free use of airs and words in his published and unpublished collections, besides looking over my musical proofs; and to Mr. D. J. O'Donoghue and Mr. C. F. Cronin for much bibliographical information relating to Irish ballad literature and music. It is due to Lord Dufferin, Lady Ferguson, Mrs. William Allingham, Dr. Todhunter, Mr. T. D. Sullivan, Dr. Sigerson, Miss E. H. Hickey, Mrs. Hinkson, Mr. Michael Hogan (the Bard of Thomond), Dr. Douglas Hyde, Mr. W. B. Yeats, Mr. Frank Fahy, and Mr. Harold Boulton; as also to Novello & Co., Cramer & Co., Boosey & Co., Chappell & Co., the representatives of Cramer, Wood & Co. (of Dublin), Macmillan & Co., Cameron, Ferguson & Co., of Glasgow, and the editors of the "Irish National School Song Book," and to Mr. A. L. Cowley, director of music to the London School Board, for the use of copyright tunes and words, and for the supply of others, the full musical rights in which are hereby reserved for them. Special acknowledgment is also due to my friend Mr. M. J. Murphy, for the assistance I have derived in the compilation of this work from his "National Songs of Ireland," an admirable American collection of Irish patriotic, military, and party songs, published by the John Church Co., of Cincinnati.

It should be added that the songs in this volume are not printed in chronological order, but that an easy reference to the period of their authorship will be found on pages xxiii and xxiv.

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TO THE SECOND EDITION.

THE early call for a Second Edition of THE IRISH SONG BOOK enables me to remove the blemishes it has proved to contain, more readily than I had ventured to hope.

Correct versions of "The Battle of the Boyne," "The Irish Rapparees," "The Wearing of the Green," and "Paddies Evermore" are now presented. John Keegan Casey's "My Colleen Rue" has been matched to a more suitable air; and Ferguson's "Pastheen Fionn" and Furlong's "Roisin Dubh" are now written under airs more popularly associated with them than those in the First Edition, and Moore's "At the Mid Hour of Night" has been substituted for his "Love's Young Dream," the air to which is used later on in the book for "The Shan Van Voght." The Irish names of the airs will now be found spelt upon one uniform principle; an index to the airs has been added, and the use of the other indices, which have puzzled some readers, is made evident.

My original intention to print such variant lyrics as Banim's "Soggarth Aroon" and Gerald Griffin's "Aileen Aroon" after the folk tune to Moore's "Erin, the Tear and the Smile in thine Eye," which matches them both, was frustrated by want of space, and this must be my excuse for the omission of some favourite songs whose absence has been commented upon.

It is, of course, conceded that many Irish songs of equal or superior literary merit to those in this collection have been of necessity excluded from it for want of suitable accompanying music. The lyrics of Mangan and De Vere, and other Irish poets, do not lend themselves to music: they are self-sufficing. But critics who hint that a poem that has been suggested by music, or invites musical treatment, must necessarily be of an inferior type, forget that the finest folk songs in our language owe their impulse to the finest folk tunes, and that such immortal lyrics as Shakespeare's "Blow, blow, thou winter wind," and Shelley's "I arise from dreams of thee," are perennial founts of musical inspiration.

Exception has been taken in a couple of quarters to the introduction of four Orange songs into the collection, about the same amount of opposition that has been raised to the much larger number of "beautiful but rebellious" songs which it contains. Yet the large body of my critics have regarded this combination of the green and orange within its pages as a specially interesting feature of the work.

But the circumstance connected with its reception which has given me the most gratification is the fact that my appeal, at the end of the Introduction, for the preservation and promotion of Irish music has been taken up and emphasized by the leading Irish journals, and has thereby contributed towards bringing about what I sincerely trust may prove to be the establishment of an Annual Irish Musical Festival upon as firm a basis as the Welsh have founded their Eistedfodd.

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Thy suns, with doubtful gleam, Weep while they rise.

Erin, thy silent tear never shall cease-Erin, thy languid smile ne'er shall increase-Till, like the rainbow's light, Thy various tints unite And form, in Heaven's sight, One arch of peace!

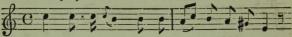
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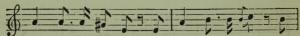
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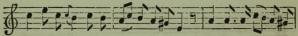
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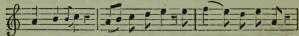
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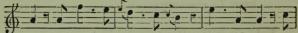
Break not, ye breez-es, your chain of re-pose! While,



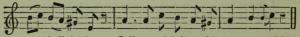
murmuring mournfully, Lir's lonely daughter Tells to the night-star her



tale of woes. When shall the swan, her death - note sing-ing,



Sleep with wings in dark-ness furl'd? When will Heaven, its



sweet bell ringing, Call my spirit from this storm-y world?

Sadly, O Moyle, to thy winter-wave weeping, Fate bids me languish long ages away; Yet still in her darkness doth Erin lie sleeping, Still doth the pure light its dawning delay. When shall that day-star, mildly springing, Warm our Isle with peace and love? When will Heaven, its sweet bell ringing, Call my spirit to the fields above?

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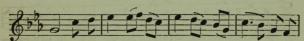
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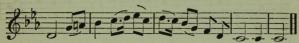
Slow and tender.

Oh! my sweet lit-tle rose, cease to pine for the

past, For the friends that come east-ward shall see thee at



last; They bring blessings and fa-vours the past ne-ver

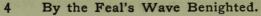


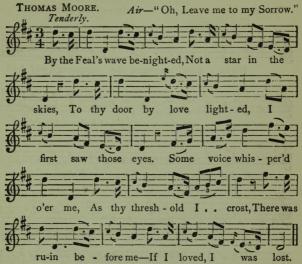
knew, To pour forth in glad-ness on my Rois - in Dubh.

Had I power, O my loved one, but to plead thy right, I should speak out in boldness for my heart's delight; I should tell to all around me how my fondness grew, And bid them bless the beauty of Róisín Dubh.

There's no flower that e'er bloomed can my rose excel, There's no tongue that e'er moved half my love can tell; Had I strength, had I skill, the wide world to subdue, Oh! the queen of that wide world should be Róisín Dubh.

The mountains, high and misty, on the moors shall lie low; The rivers shall run backward, and the lakes overflow; The wild waves of old ocean wear a crimson hue, Ere the world sees the ruin of my Róisín Dubh.





Love came, and brought sorrow Too soon in his train; Yet so sweet, that to-morrow 'Twere welcome again. Though misery's full measure

My portion should be, I would drain it with pleasure,

If poured out by thee.

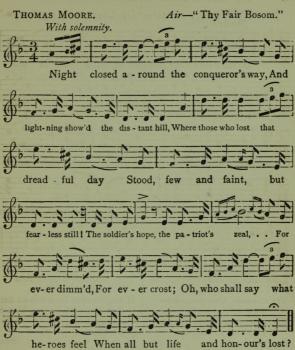
You, who call it dishonour To bow to this flame,

If you've eyes look but on her. And blush while you blame. Hath the pearl less whiteness Because of its birth?

Hath the violet less brightness For growing near earth?

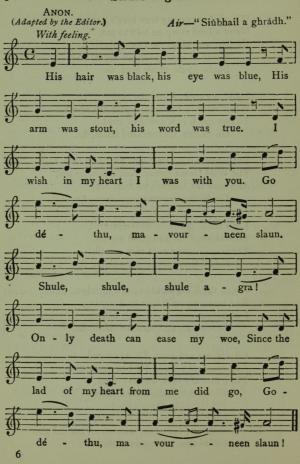
No! Man for his glory To ancestry flies; But woman's bright story Is told in her eyes. While the monarch but traces Thro' mortals his line, Beauty, born of the Graces, Ranks next to divine.

5 Night closed around the Conqueror's Way.



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The last sad hour of Freedom's dream And Valour's task moved slowly by, While mute they watched till morning's beam Should rise and give them light to die. There is a world, where souls are free, Where tyrants taint not Nature's bliss; If death that world's bright opening be, Oh! who would live a slave in this?



Shule Agra.

'Tis oft I sat on my true love's knee, Many a fond story he told to me, He told me things that ne'er shall be, Go-dé-thu, mavourneen slaun. Shule, shule, shule agra, &c.

a ghrádh.

I sold my rock, I sold my reel; When my flax was spun I sold my wheel, To buy my love a sword of steel, Go-dé-thu, mavourneen slaun, &c.

But when King James was forced to flee, The Wild Geese spread their wings to sea, And bore ma bouchal far from me, Go-dé-thu, mavourneen slaun, &c.

I saw them sail from Brandon Hill, Then down I sat and cried my fill, That every tear would turn a mill, Go-dé-thu, mayourneen slaun, &c.

I wish the King would return to reign, And bring my true love back again; I wish, and wish, but I wish in vain, Go-dé-thu, mavourneen slaun, &c.

I'll dye my petticoat, I'll dye it red,
And round the world I'll beg my bread,
Till I find my love, alive or dead,
Go-dé-thu, mavourneen slaun.
Shule, shule, shule agra!
Only death can ease my woe,
Since the lad of my heart from me did go,
Go-dé-thu, mavourneen slaun!



O'Donnell Aboo.

Princely O'Neill to our aid is advancing
With many a chieftain and warrior clan,
A thousand proud steeds in his vanguard are prancing
'Neath the borderers brave, from the banks of the Bann;
Many a heart shall quail
Under its coat of mail;
Deeply the merciless foeman shall rue,
When on his ear shall ring,
Borne on the breezes' wing,
Tfr Connell's dread war-cry, "O'Donnell Aboo!"

Wildly o'er Desmond the war-wolf is howling;
Fearless the eagle sweeps over the plain;
The fox in the streets of the city is prowling;
All, all who would scare them are banished or slain.
Grasp every stalwart hand
Hackbut and battle brand,
Pay them all back the debt so long due;
Norris and Clifford well

Norris and Clifford well Can of Tír Connell tell; Onward to glory, "O'Donnell Aboo!"

Sacred the cause of Clan Connaill's defending,
The altars we kneel at, the homes of our sires;
Ruthless the ruin the foe is extending,
Midnight is red with the plunderers' fires.
On with O'Donnell, then,
Fight the old fight again,
Sons of Tír Connell, all valiant and true.
Make the false Saxon feel

Make the false Saxon feel
Erin's avenging steel!
Strike for your country, "O'Donnell Aboo!"

8 The Battle of the Boyne.



The Battle of the Boyne.

Thereat revenge the Irish vowed
Upon King William's forces,
And vehemently with cries did crowd
To check their forward courses.
A ball from out their battery flew,
As the King he faced its fire;
His shoulder-knot away it shot,
Quoth he, "Pray come no nigher!"

Then straight his officers he did call,
Saying, "Gentlemen, mind your station,
And prove your valour one and all
Before this Irish nation.
My brazen walls let no man break
And your subtle foes you'll scatter,
Let us show them to-day good English play,
As we go over the water."

Then, horse and foot, we marched amain,
Resolved their ranks to batter,
But the brave Duke Schomberg he was slain,
As we went over the water.
Then King William cried, "Feel no dismay
At the losing of one commander,
For God shall be our King to-day,
And I'll be general under."

Then stoutly we Boyne river crossed
To give the Irish battle;
Our cannon to his dreadful cost
Like thunder-claps did rattle.
In majestic mien our prince rode o'er;
The stream ran red with slaughter,
As with blow and shout we put to rout
Our enemies over the water.

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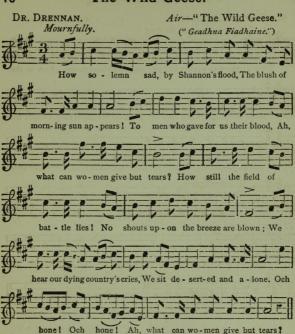


In our blythe sports' debates, down by the river, I of my merry mates foremost was ever,

Cheerfulest with my flute,
Leading the maidens,
Hearkening by moonlight mute
To its sweet cadence;
Sprightliest in the dance
Tripping together—

Such a one was I once, Ere she came hither.

Woe was me e'er to see beauty so shining, Ever since hourly have I been pining.



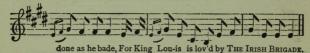
Why thus collected on the strand,
Whom yet the God of mercy saves?
Will ye forsake your native land?
Will ye desert your brothers' graves?
Their graves give forth a fearful groan,
"Oh, guard our orphans and our wives;
Like us make Erin's cause your own,
Like us for her yield up your lives!
Och hone! Och hone!

Like us for her yield up your lives!"

of the Brigade. THOMAS DAVIS. "Contented I am." With spirit. The mess-tent is full, and the glasses are set, And the gallant Count Thomond is Pre-si-dent yet. The vet'ran a-rose, like an up-lift-ed lance, Crying, "Comrades, a health to the



Monarch of France!" With bumpers and cheers they have



"A health to King James!" and they bent as they quaff'd; "Here's to George the Elector!" and fiercely they laugh'd:

"Good luck to the girls we woo'd long ago, Where Shannon, and Barrow, and Avonmore flow!" "God prosper old Ireland!" You'd think them afraid, So pale grew the chiefs of the Irish Brigade.

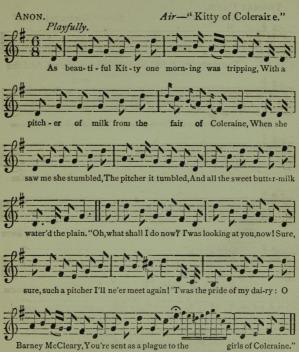
They fought as they revell'd, fast, fiery, and true, And, though victors, they left on the field not a few; And they who surviv'd fought and drank as of yore, But the land of their hearts' hope they never saw more. For in far foreign fields, from Dunkirk to Belgrade. Lie the soldiers and chiefs of the Irish Brigade.

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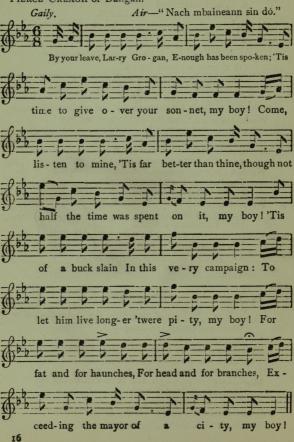
Kitty of Coleraine.



I sat down beside her, and gently did chide her,
That such a misfortune should give her such pain;
A kiss then I gave her, and, before I did leave her,
She vowed, for such pleasure, she'd break it again.
'Twas hay-making season; I can't tell the reason,
Misfortune will never come single, 'tis plain;
For very soon after poor Kitty's disaster
The devil a pitcher was whole in Coleraine.

13 The County Limerick Buck-Hunt.

PIERCE CREAGH of Dangan.



The County Limerick Buck-Hunt.

A council assembled
(Who'd think but he trembled?)
Of lads of good spirit, well mounted, my boy!
Each with whip and with cap on,
And spurs made at Ripon,
A score, aye and more, sure we counted, my boy!

Off at once we went bounding,
Sweet horns were resounding,

Each youth filled the air with a halloa, my boy!
Dubourg, were he there,
Such sweet music to hear,

Would leave his Cremona and follow, my boy!

Knockaderk and Knockaney, And hills twice as many,

We flew their stone walls and their ditches, my boy!

The buck skimmed the grounds,
But to baffle our hounds

Was never in any buck's breeches, my boy!
Four hours he held out
Most surprisingly stout,

Till at length to his fate he submitted, my boy! His throat being cut up, The poor culprit put up,

To the place where he came was remitted, my boy!

Then the bumpers went round, With an elegant sound,

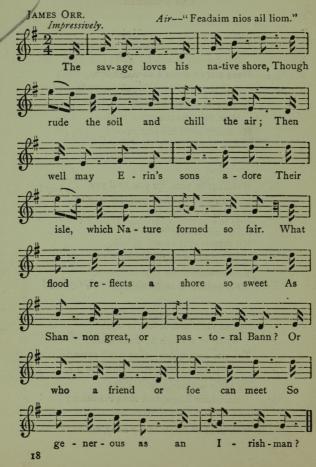
Chink, chink, like sweet bells went the glasses, my boy! We drank queen and king

And each other fine thing,
Then bumpered the beautiful lasses, my boy!
There was Singleton (Cherry),

And sweet Sally Curry,
Miss Croker, Miss Bligh, and Miss Prittie, my boy!
With lovely Miss Persse,
That subject for verse,

Who shall ne'er be forgot in my ditty, my boy!

The Irishman.



The Irishman.

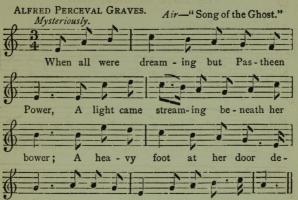
His hand is rash, his heart is warm,
But honesty is still his guide;
None more repents a deed of harm,
And none forgives with nobler pride;
He may be duped, but won't be dared;
More fit to practise than to plan;
He dearly earns his poor reward,
And spends it like an Irishman.

If strange or poor, for you he'll pay,
And guide to where you safe may be;
If you're his guest, while e'er you stay,
His cottage holds a jubilee.
His inmost soul he will unlock,
And if he may your secrets scan,
Your confidence he scorns to mock,
For faithful is an Irishman.

By honour bound in woe or weal,
Whate'er she bids he dares to do;
Try him with bribes—they won't prevail;
Prove him in fire—you'll find him true.
He seeks not safety, let his post
Be, where it ought, in danger's van;
And if the field of fame be lost,
It won't be by an Irishman.



I shall tell her all my love, all my soul's adoration, And I think she will hear me, and will not say me nay. It is this that gives my soul all its joyous elation, As I hear the sweet lark sing in the clear air of the day.



layed; A hea-vy hand on the latch was laid.

"Now who dare venture at this dark hour Unbid to enter my maiden bower?" "Dear Pastheen, open the door to me, And your true lover you'll surely see."

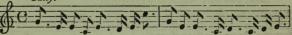
"My own true lover, so tall and brave, Lives exiled over the angry wave." "Your true love's body lies on the bier, His faithful spirit is with you here."

"His look was cheerful, his voice was gay; Your speech is fearful, your face is grey; And sad and sunken your eye of blue, But Patrick, Patrick! alas! 'tis you!"

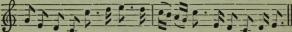
Ere dawn was breaking she heard below The two cocks shaking their wings to crow. "Oh, cease from calling his ghost to the mould, And I'll come crowning your combs with gold.'

When all were dreaming but Pastheen Power A light went streaming from out her bower; And on the morrow when they awoke, They knew that sorrow her heart had broke.

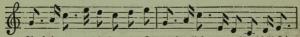
EDWARD LYSAGHT. Air—"Roy's Wife of Aldivalloch."



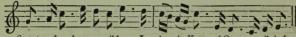
Have you been at Gar - na-vil-la? Have you seen, at Gar - na-vil-la,



Beauty's train trip o'er the plain With love-ly Kate of Gar-na - vil-la?



Oh, she's pure as virgin snows Or ere they light on woodland hill-O!



Sweet as dew-drops on wild rose Is love-ly Kate of Gar - na-vil-la!

Philomel, I've listened oft
To thy lay, nigh weeping willow;
Oh! the strain's more sweet, more soft,
That flows from Kate of Garnavilla.
Have you been, &c.

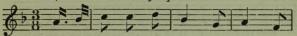
As a noble ship I've seen
Sailing o'er the swelling billow,
So I've marked the graceful mien
Of lovely Kate of Garnavilla.
Have you been, &c.

If poet's prayers can banish cares,
No cares shall come to Garnavilla;
Joy's bright rays shall gild her days,
And dove-like peace perch on her pillow.
Charming maid of Garnavilla!
Lovely maid of Garnavilla!
Beauty, grace, and virtue wait
On lovely Kate of Garnavilla.

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18 At the Mid Hour of Night.

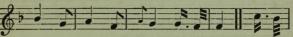
THOMAS MOORE. Air—"Molly, my Dear." Slow, and with melancholy expression.



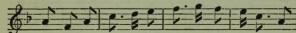
At the mid hour of night, when stars are



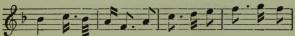
weep-ing, I fly To the lone vale we



loved, when life shone warm in thine eye; And



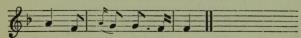
think that, if spi-rits can steal from the re-gion of



air, To re - vi - sit past scenes of de - light, thou wilt



come to me there, And tell me our love is re -



mem - ber'd ev'n in the sky.

Then I sing the wild song, which once was rapture to hear, When our voices' commingling breathed like one on the ear; And, as echo far off through the vale my sad orison rolls, I think, O my love! 'tis thy voice from the kingdom of souls, Faintly answering still the notes that once were so dear!

19 Colleen Dhas Crutha na Mo.

Air—" Cailín deas Crúidthe na mbó."
(The Pretty Girl milking her Cow.) GEORGE SIGERSON. Not too slow. gold rain of eve was de-scending; Bright pur - ple robed moun - tain and I through Glen Mor-neen was wend-ing, wan - der - er from o'er the blue sea. 'Twas the lap a west-look-ing moun-tain, Its slope bright with the glow, Where wood - v foun-tain, mur - mur - ing sang, col - leen dhas cru mo. 24

Colleen Dhas Crutha na Mo.

Dark clouds where a gold tinge reposes
But picture her brown wavy hair;
And her teeth looked as if in a rose's
Red bosom a snow-flake gleamed fair.
As her tones down the green dell went ringing,
The list'ning thrush mimicked them low,
And the brooklet harped soft to the singing
Of Colleen dhas crutha na Mo.

"At last, o'er thy long night, dear Erin,
Dawns the bright Sun of Freedom!" sang she;
"But thy mountaineers still are despairing—
Ah! he who 'mid bondmen was free,
Ah, my Diarmod, the patriot-hearted,
Who would fill them with hope for the blow,
Far, Erin, from thee is he parted,
Far from Colleen dhas crutha na Mo!"

Her tears on a sudden brimmed over,

Her voice trembled low and less clear;

To listen, I stepped from my cover,

But the bough-rustle broke on her ear;

She started—she redden'd—" Asthoreen!

My Diarmod! Oh, can it be so?"

And I clasped to my glad heart sweet Moreen

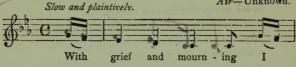
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20 The Girl's Lamentation.

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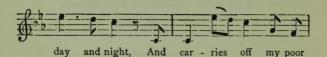
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Oh, with him I'd go if I had my will, I'd follow him barefoot o'er rock and hill; I'd never once speak of all my grief If he'd give me a smile for my heart's relief.

The Girl's Lamentation.

In our wee garden the rose unfolds, With bachelor's-buttons and marigolds; I'll tie no posies for dance or fair, A willow-twig is for me to wear.

For a maid again I can never be, Till the red rose blooms on the willow tree. Of such a trouble I've heard them tell, And now I know what it means full well.

Oh! light and false is a young man's kiss, And a foolish girl gives her soul for this. Oh! light and short is the young man's blame, And a helpless girl has the grief and shame.

My head turns round with the spinning-wheel,
And a heavy cloud on my eyes I feel;
But the worst of all is at my heart's core,
For my innocent days will come back no more.



MICHAEL HOGAN (The Bard of Thomond). Air—" Dearbhráithrín ó mo chroidhe." Sorrowfully. grieve when dear, hap - py days of youth, all the bright dreams of this faith truth; When I strayed thro' the world seem'd wood-land, as mid - sum-mer gay broth - er - ly love with bee,

Ma chree. Dra - her - in 0

Draherin O Machree.

Together we lay in the sweet-scented meadows to rest, Together we watch'd the gay lark as he sung o'er his nest, Together we pluck'd the red fruit of the fragrant haw-tree, And I loved, as a sweetheart, my Draherin O Machree!

His form it was straight as the hazel that grows in the glen, His manners were courteous, and social, and gay amongst men; His bosom was white as the lily on summer's green lea— And God's brightest image was Draherin O Machree!

Oh! sweet were his words as the honey that falls in the night, And his young smiling face like May-bloom was fresh, and as bright;

His eyes were like dew on the flower of the sweet apple-tree; My heart's spring and summer was Draherin O Machree!

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He went to the wars when proud England united with France; His regiment was first in the red battle-charge to advance; But when night drew its veil o'er the gory and life-wasting fray, Pale, bleeding, and cold lay my Draherin O Machree!

Oh! if I were there, I'd watch over my darling's last breath, I'd wipe his cold brow, and I'd soften his pillow of death; I'd pour the hot tears of my heart's melting anguish o'er thee! Oh, blossom of beauty! my Draherin O Machree!

Now I'm left to weep, like the sorrowful bird of the night, This earth and its pleasures no more shall afford me delight; The dark narrow grave is the only sad refuge for me, Since I lost my heart's darling—my Draherin O Machree!



Oh, the Marriage!



His hair is a shower of soft gold,
His eye is as clear as the day;
His conscience and vote were unsold,
When others were carried away;
His word is as good as an oath,
And freely 'twas given to me;
Oh! sure 'twill be happy for both
The day of our marriage to see.
Then, oh, the marriage, &c.

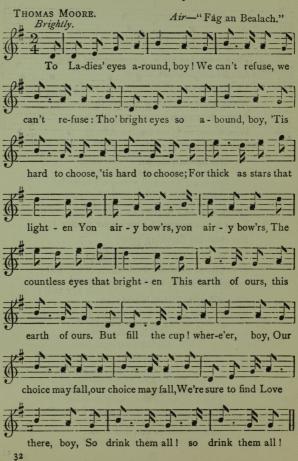
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His kinsmen are honest and kind,
The neighbours think much of his skill;
And Eoghan's the lad to my mind,
Though he owns neither castle nor mill;
But he has a tilloch of land,
A horse, and a stocking of coin,
A foot for the dance, and a hand
In the cause of his country to join.
Then, oh, the marriage, &c.

We meet in the market and fair,
We meet in the morning and night;
He sits on the half of my chair,
And my people are wild with delight.
I long through the winter to skim,
Though Eoghan longs more, I can see,
When I will be married to him,
And he will be married to me.

Then, oh, the marriage, &c.



To Ladies' Eyes.

Some eyes there are, so holy,
They seem but giv'n, they seem but giv'n,
As splendid beacons, solely,
To light to heav'n, to light to heav'n!
While some—oh! ne'er believe them—
With tempting ray, with tempting ray,
Would lead us (God forgive them!)
The other way, the other way.
But fill the cup, &c.

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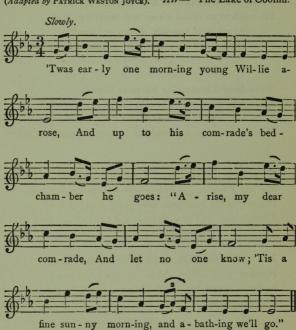
In some, as in a mirror,
Love seems portray'd, love seems portray'd;
But shun the flattering error,
'Tis but his shade, 'tis but his shade.
Himself has fixed his dwelling
In eyes we know, in eyes we know,
And lips—but this is telling,
So here they go! so here they go!
Fill up, fill up, &c.



24 The Lake of Coolfin;

or, Willie Leonard.

Old Ballad (Adapted by Patrick Weston Joyce). Air—"The Lake of Coolfin."



To the Lake of Coolfin the companions soon came, And the first man they met was the keeper of game:— "Turn back, Willy Leonard, return back again; There is deep and false water in the Lake of Coolfin!"

The Lake of Coolfin; or, Willie Leonard.

Young Willy plunged in, and he swam the lake round; He swam to an island—'twas soft marshy ground: "O comrade, dear comrade, do not venture in; There is deep and false water in the Lake of Coolfin!"

'Twas early that morning his sister arose;
And up to her mother's bedchamber she goes:—
"Oh, I dreamed a sad dream about Willy last night;
He was dressed in a shroud—in a shroud of snow-white!"

'Twas early that morning his mother came there; She was wringing her hands—she was tearing her hair. Oh, woeful the hour your dear Willy plunged in— There is deep and false water in the Lake of Coolfin!

And I saw a fair maid, standing fast by the shore; Her face, it was pale—she was weeping full sore; In deep anguish she gazed where young Willy plunged in: Ah! there's deep and false water in the Lake of Coolfin!

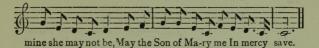


The Snowy-Breasted Pearl. 25

Translated from the Irish by GEORGE PETRIE. Air-" Péarla an bhrollaigh bháin." Not too slowly. (The Pearl of the White Breast.) col - leen fair as May, There's a year and for a day I have sought by ev'ry way Her heart to art of tongue or eye gain. There's no youths with maidens try, But I've tried with ceaseless sigh, Yet tried in vain. If far - off France or Spain She to crossed the rag-ing main, Her face to see again The seas I'd

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The Snowy-Breasted Pearl.



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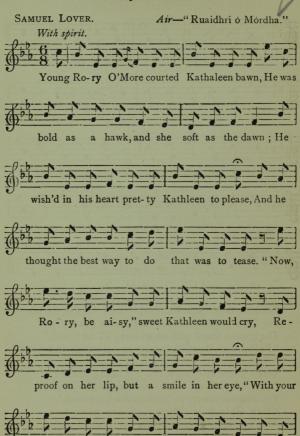
Oh, thou blooming milk-white dove
To whom I've given my love,
Do not ever thus reprove
My constancy.

There are maidens would be mine,
With wealth in land and kine,
If my heart would but incline
To turn from thee.

But a kiss with welcome bland And touch of thy fair hand, Is all that I demand, Would'st thou not spurn.

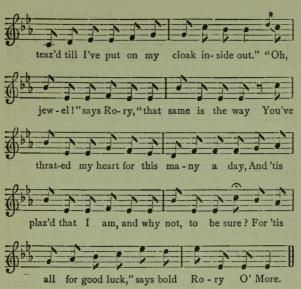
For if not mine, dear girl, Oh, snowy-breasted pearl, May I never from the fair With life return.





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Rory O'More.



"Indeed, then," says Kathleen, "don't think of the like, For I half gave a promise to soothering Mike; The ground that I walk on he loves, I'll be bound." "Faith," says Rory, "I'd rather love you than the ground." "Now, Rory, I'll cry, if you don't let me go; Sure I dream ev'ry night that I'm hating you so!" "Oh!" says Rory, "that same I'm delighted to hear, For dhrames always go by contrairies, my dear." "Now, Rory, leave off, sir, you'll hug me no more, That's eight times to-day, that you've kiss'd me before." "Then here goes another," says he, "to make sure, For there's luck in odd numbers," says Rory O'More.

Air-" Kitty Magee. FRANCIS A. FAHY. Archly. I've kissed and court-ed them all, Gen - tle and sim - ple, short and me-dium and tall, But kept a mer-ry heart free, Till it was stole unknownst by Kit-ty Ma-gee. Her laugh - ing face, her slen - der waist, Her lips might tempt a saint to taste; Oh, sure it was small blame lose my heart to Kit-ty Ma-gee.

Kitty Magee.

'Twas down at Ballina Fair,
Cailins and boys were gaily tripping it there,
And I the soul of the spree,
When I set eyes on Kitty Magee.
Her smile so sweet, her step so neat,
Hide and seek her two little feet;
Gliding just like a swan at sea,
Handsome, winsome Kitty Magee.

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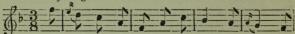
And now I'm dreaming all day,
Sighing from dark to dawn, and wasting away,
Like a lone bird on a tree,
Pining the long hours through for Kitty Magee.
At dance or wake no sport I make;
Home or out no pleasure I take;
Nothing at all I hear or see,
But makes me think of Kitty Magee.

Oh, how will I anyone face,
Kitty asthore, if you don't pity my case?
'Tis tired of living I'll be
If I don't win my darling Kitty Magee.
Oh whisper, dear, the Shrove is near;
Say the word I'm dying to hear.
Promise me soon my own you'll be,
Roguish, coaxing Kitty Magee.

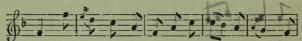
28 Thro' Grief and thro' Danger.

THOMAS MOORE. Air—"I once had a True Love."

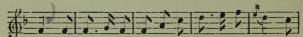
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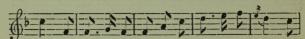
Thro' grief and thro' dan-ger thy smile hath cheer'd my



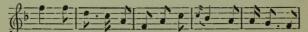
way, Till hope seem'd to bud from each thorn that round me



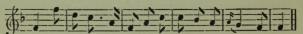
lay; The dark-er our fortune, the brighter our pure love



burn'd, Till shame in-to glo-ry, till fear in-to zeal was



turn'd. Oh! slave as I was, in thy arms my spi-rit felt



free, And bless'de'en the sorrows that made me more dear to thee.

Thy rival was honoured, while thou wert wrong'd and scorn'd; Thy crown was of briers, while gold her brows adorn'd: She woo'd me to temples, while thou lay'st hid in caves; Her friends were all masters, while thine, alas! were slaves; Yet, cold in the earth at thy feet I would rather be, Than wed what I lov'd not, or turn one thought from thee.

Thro' Grief and thro' Danger.

They slander thee sorely, who say thy vows are frail; Hadst thou been a false one, thy cheek had look'd less pale! They say, too, so long thou hast worn those ling'ring chains, That deep in thy heart they have printed their servile stains! Oh! do not believe them, no chain could that soul subdue, Where shineth thy spirit, there liberty shineth too.

29 How Sweet the Answer Echo Makes.

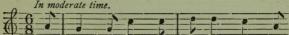


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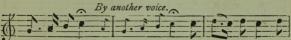
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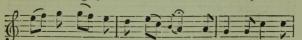
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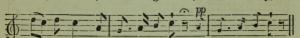
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mu - sic at night, To mu - sic at night, When roused by lute or



horn, she wakes, she start-ing wakes, And far a-way, o'er



lawns and lakes Goes answering light, Goes an - swer-ing light.

Yet love has echoes truer far,
And far more sweet,
Than e'er beneath the moonlight's star,
Of horn, or lute, or soft guitar,
The songs repeat.

'Tis when the sigh in youth sincere, And only then— The sigh, that's breathed for one to hear, Is by that one, that only dear, Breathed back again.



"Lady! dost thou not fear to stray, So lone and lovely, thro' this bleak way? Are Erin's sons so good or so cold As not to be tempted by woman or gold?"

"Sir Knight! I feel not the least alarm:
No son of Erin will offer me harm,
For, tho' they love woman and golden store,
Sir Knight, they love honour and virtue more.

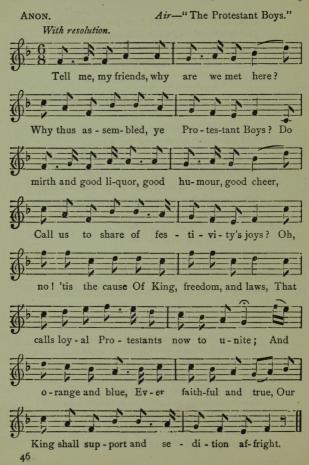
On she went, and her maiden smile In safety lighted her round the green isle; And blest for ever was she who relied Upon Erin's honour and Erin's pride. manu?

O'er the Desert of Life. J. P. CURRAN. Air-Unknown. Brightly. O'er the desert of life, where you vainly pur-sued Those phantoms of hope which their promise disown, Have you e'er met some spirit, divine-ly en-dued, That so kindly could say, You don't suffer alone? And howev - er your fate may have smil'd or have frown'd, Will she deign still to share as the friend or the wife: Then make her the pulse of your heart, for you've found The

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Does she love to recall the past moments so dear, When the sweet pledge of faith was confidingly given, When the lip spoke the voice of affection sincere, And the vow was exchanged, and recorded in heaven? Does she wish to re-bind what already was bound, And draw closer the claim of the friend and the wife? Then make her the pulse of your heart, for you've found The green spot that blooms o'er the desert of life.

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The Protestant Boys.

Great spirit of William! from heaven look down,
And breathe in our hearts our forefathers' fire;
Teach us to rival their glorious renown,
From Papist or Frenchman ne'er to retire.

Jacobin—Jacobite—
Against all unite,

Who dare to assail our sovereign's throne,
For orange and blue
Will be faithful and true,
And Protestant loyalty ever be shown.

In that loyalty proud let us ever remain,
Bound together in truth, and religion's pure band;
Nor honour's fair cause with foul bigotry stain,
Since in courage and justice supported we stand.
So heaven shall smile

On our Emerald Isle,
And lead us to conquest again and again;
While Papists shall prove
Our brotherly love;

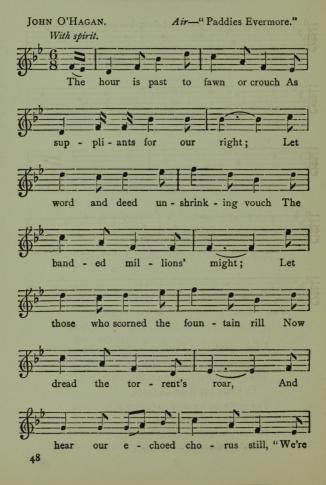
We hate them as masters—we love them as men.

By the deeds of our fathers to glory inspired, Our Protestant heroes will combat the foe; Hearts, with true honour and loyalty fir'd, Intrepid, undaunted, to conquest will go.

In orange and blue, Still faithful and true,

The soul-stirring music of glory they'll sing;
The shades of the Boyne
In the chorus will join,
And the welkin re-echo with "God save the King."

Paddies Evermore.



Paddies Evermore.



Look round—the Frenchman governs France,
The Spaniard rules in Spain;
The gallant Pole but waits his chance
To break the Russian chain.
The strife for freedom here begun,
We never will give o'er,
Nor own a land on earth but one,
We're Paddies and no more.

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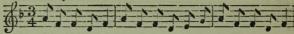
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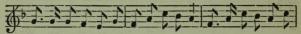
JOSEPH O'LEARY.

Air-" Bobbing Joan."

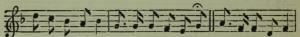
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Whisky, drink divine! Why should driv'lers bore us With the praise of wine,

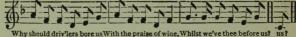


Whilst we've thee before us? Were it not a shame, Whilst we gaily fling thee



To our lips of flame, If we could not sing thee? Whisky, drink di-vine!

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Why should driv'lers bore us With the praise of wine, Whilst we've thee before us? us?

Greek and Roman sung Chian and Falernian; Shall no harp be strung To thy praise, Hibernian? Could my feeble lays Half thy virtues number, A whole grove of bays Should my brows encumber. Whisky, drink divine, &c. If Anacreon—who Was the grape's best poet— Drank our mountain-dew, How his verse would show it; As the best then known, He to wine was civil; Had he Innishowen, He'd pitch it to the devil. Whisky, drink divine, &c.

Bright as beauty's eye, When no sorrow veils it; Sweet as beauty's sigh, When young love inhales it. Come, then, to my lip-Come, thou rich in blisses-Every drop I sip Seems a shower of kisses. Whisky, drink divine, &c.

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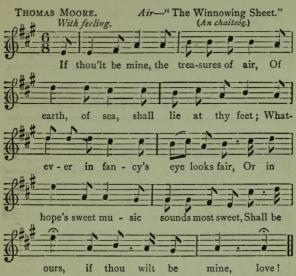
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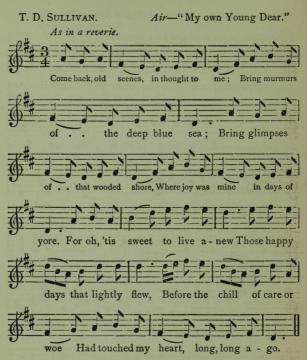
If Thou'lt be Mine.



Bright flowers shall bloom wherever we rove, A voice divine shall talk in each stream; The stars shall look like worlds of love, And this earth be all one beautiful dream In our eyes—if thou wilt be mine, love!

And thoughts whose source is hidden and high, Like streams that come from heavenward hills, Shall keep our hearts, like meads that lie To be bath'd by those eternal rills, Ever green, if thou wilt be mine, love!

All this and more the spirit of love Can breathe o'er them who feel his spells; That heav'n which forms his home above, He can make on earth, wherever he dwells, As thou'lt own, if thou wilt be mine, love!



Oh, bring them back a little while— The song, the dance, the sigh, the smile, The opening gleam of new delights, The rosy dream of summer nights! But ah! 'tis vain to call to-day On life's young glories passed away! My only joy is now to know They blessed my heart, long, long ago.

37 How Dear to Me the Hour.

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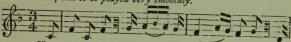
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THOMAS MOORE. Air—"The Twisting of the Rope."

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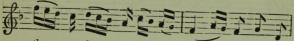
Slow, and to be played very smoothly.



How dear to me the hour when day - light dies, And



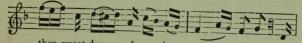
sunbeams melt a - long the si - lent sea; For



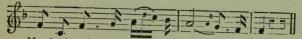
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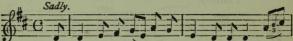


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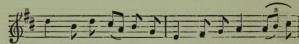
And, as I watch the line of light that plays Along the smooth wave tow'rd the burning west, I long to tread that golden path of rays, And think 'twould lead to some bright isle of rest.

The Inniskillen Dragoon.

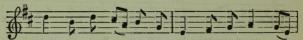
GEORGE SIGERSON. Air-"The Inniskillen Dragoon."



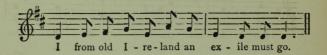
Fare-well, In-nis-kill-en! fare-well for awhile To



all your fair wa-ters and ev'-ry green isle! Oh, your



green isles will flour-ish, your fair wa-ters flow, While

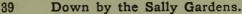


Her hair is as brown as the young raven's wing, Her eyes are as clear as the bluebells of spring; And light was her laugh, like the sun on the sea— Till the weight of the world came between her and me.

Oh, what can man do when the world is his foe-And the looks of her people fall on him like snow, But bend the brow boldly, and fare away far To follow good fortune and get fame in the war?

If the worst comes to worst, sure 'tis only to die, And the true lass that loves me can hold her head high; Can hold her head high, though the fond heart may break, For her lover loved bravely, and died for her sake.

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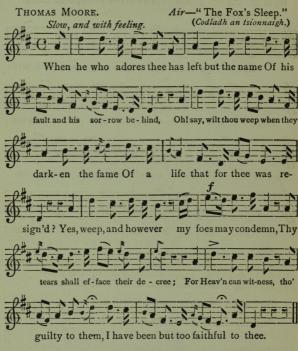
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In a field by the river my love and I did stand, And on my leaning shoulder she laid her snow-white hand. She bid me take life easy as the grass grows on the weirs; But I was young and foolish, and now am full of tears.

40 When He who Adores Thee.

(Emmet to Ireland.)

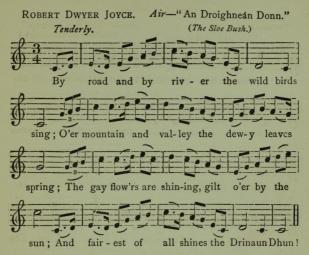


With thee were the dreams of my earliest love,
Every thought of my reason was thine;
In my last humble pray'r to the Spirit above,
Thy name shall be mingled with mine!
Oh! bless'd are the lovers and friends who shall live
The days of thy glory to see;
But the next dearest blessing that heaven can give
Is the pride of thus dying for thee!

The Drinaun Dhun.

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The rath of the fairy, the ruin hoar—
With bright silver splendour it decks them all o'er—
And down in the valley where crystal streams run—
How sweet smells the bloom of the Drinaun Dhun.

Ah! well I remember that soft spring day
When I sat by my love 'neath its sweet scented spray:
The day that she told me her heart I had won,
Beneath the white blossom of the Drinaun Dhun!

The streams they were singing their gladsome song, The soft winds were blowing the wild woods among, The mountains shone bright in the red setting sun, As I sat with my love 'neath the Drinaun Dhun.

'Tis my prayer in the morning, my dream at night, To sit once again with my heart's dear delight, With her blue eyes of gladness, her hair like the sun, And her bright pleasant smile, 'neath the Drinaun Dhun!



The West's Asleep.

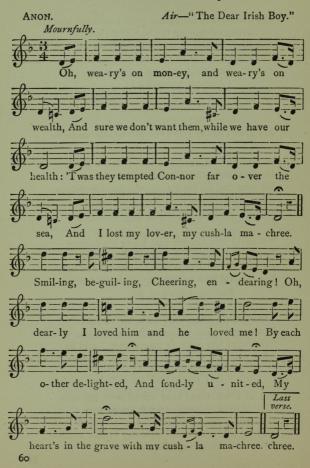
That chainless wave and lovely land Freedom and Nationhood demand; Be sure the great God never plann'd For slumbering slaves a home so grand. And long a brave and haughty race Honoured and sentinelled the place—Sing, oh! not even their sons' disgrace Can quite destroy their glory's trace.

For often, in O'Connor's van,
To triumph dash'd each Connaught clan,
And fleet as deer the Normans ran
Through Curlieu's Pass and Ardrahan
And later times saw deeds as brave;
And glory guards Clanricarde's grave—
Sing, oh! they died their land to save,
At Aughrim's slopes and Shannon's wave.

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And if, when all a vigil keep,
The West's asleep, the West's asleep—
Alas! and well may Erin weep,
That Connaught lies in slumber deep.
But hark! some voice like thunder spake:
"The West's awake! the West's awake!"
Sing, oh! hurrah! let England quake;
We'll watch till death for Erin's sake!



The Dear Irish Boy.

My Connor was handsome, good-humoured, and tall,
At hurling or dancing the best of them all;
But when he came courting beneath our old tree,
His voice was like music—my cushla machree.

Smiling, beguiling,
Cheering, endearing!
Oh, dearly I loved him and he loved me!
By each other delighted,
And fondly united,
My heart's in the grave with my cushla machree.

So true was his heart and so artless his mind, He could not think ill of the worst of mankind; He went bail for his cousin, who ran beyond sea, And all his debts fell on my cushla machree. Smiling, beguiling, &c.

Yet still I told Connor that I'd be his bride—In sorrow or death not to stir from his side; He said he could ne'er bring misfortune on me, But sure I'd be rich with my cushla machree.

Smiling, beguiling, &c.

The morning he left us I ne'er will forget;
Not an eye in our village with tears but was wet.
"Don't cry any more, O mavourneen," said he,
"For soon I'll return to my cushla machree."
Smiling, beguiling, &c.

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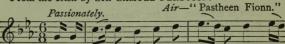
Sad as I felt then, hope mixed with my care, Alas! I have nothing now left but despair; His ship it went down in the midst of the sea, And its wild waves roll over my cushla machree. Smiling, beguiling, &c.

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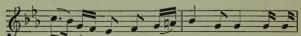
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Pastheen Fionn.

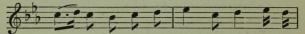
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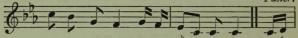
Oh, my fair Pastheen is my heart's de-light, Her



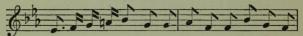
gay heart laughs in her blue eye bright, Like the



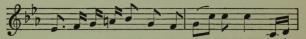
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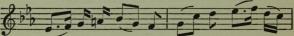
neck like the swan's on a March morn bright. Then



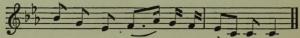
O - ro, will you come with me, come with me, come with me?



O - ro, will you come with me, brown girl sweet? For



oh! I would go thro' snow and sleet, If



you would but come with me, brown girl sweet.

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Pastheen Fionn.

Love of my heart, my fair Pastheen!

Her cheeks are as red as the rose's sheen;

But my lips have tasted no more, I ween,

Than the glass I drank to the health of my queen!

Then Oro, come with me! come with me! &come with me!

Were I in the town, where's mirth and glee,
Or 'twixt two barrels of barley bree,
With my fair Pastheen upon my knee,
'Tis I would drink to her pleasantly!
Then Oro, come with me! come with me! &c.

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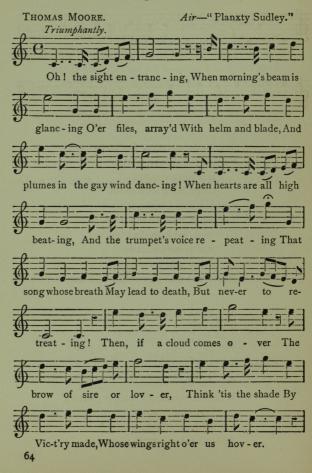
ewith me?

Nine nights I lay in longing and pain,
Betwixt two bushes, beneath the rain,
Thinking to see you, love, once again;
But whistle and call were all in vain!
Then Oro, come with me! come with me! &c.

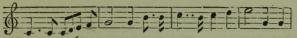
I'll leave my people, both friend and foe;
From all the girls in the world I'll go;
But from you, sweetheart, oh, never! oh no!
Till I lie in the coffin, stretched cold and low!
Then Oro, come with me! come with me! &c.



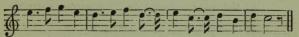




Oh! the Sight Entrancing.



Oh! the sight en-tranc-ing, When the morn-ing beam is glanc-ing O'er



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files, array'd With helm & blade, And plumes in the gay wind dancing!

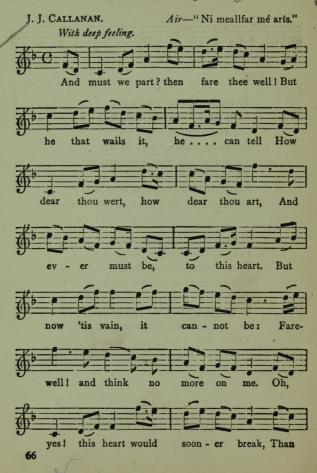
Yet, 'tis not helm nor feather—
For ask yon despot, whether
His plumèd bands
Could bring such hands
And hearts as ours together.
Leave pomps to those who need 'em—
Give man but heart and freedom;
And proud he braves
The gaudiest slaves
That crawl where monarchs lead 'em.

The sword may pierce the beaver, Stone walls in time may sever. 'Tis mind alone,

Worth steel and stone, That keeps men free for ever. Oh, that sight entrancing,

When the morning's beam is glancing O'er files arrayed

With helm and blade,
And in freedom's cause advancing!



And must we part?

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I'd sooner slumber into clay,
Than cloud thy spirit's beauteous ray;
Go, free as air—an angel free,
And, lady, think no more on me.
Yet had we met when love's own star
Flashed its fair promise from afar,
I might have hoped to call thee mine;
The minstrel's heart and harp were thine.

But now 'tis past—it cannot be;
Farewell! and think no more on me,
Or do! but let it be the hour
When Mercy's all-atoning power
From His high throne of glory hears
Of souls like thine, the prayers, the tears;
Ah, then upon the suppliant knee,
Then—then, O lady! think on me.



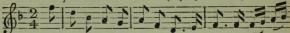
47 The Girl I left behind Me.

ALFRED PERCEVAL GRAVES.

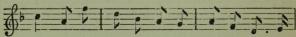
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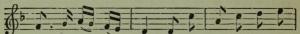
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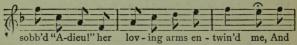
The route has come, we march a - way, Our co - lours dance be -

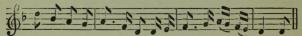


fore us, But sorrow's cloud made dark the day That



from our sweethearts tore us. My own dear lass she





oft she pray'd that I'd be true To the girl I left be - hind me.

Yes! I'll be true, when steel, to steel,
The ranks of war are rolling,
And round us ev'ry cannon peal
A fun'ral knell is tolling;
Then if from out the battle flame
A fatal ball should find me,
My dying lips shall bless the name
Of the girl I left behind me.

But if in triumph I return
To tell a soldier's story,
Though proudly on my breast should burn
The golden cross of glory;
No other maid with magic art
Shall break the links that bind me
For ever to the faithful heart
Of the girl I left behind me.

The Welcome.



I'll pull you sweet flowers to wear if you choose 'em, Or, after you've kiss'd them they'll lie on my bosom; We'll look on the stars, and we'll list to the river, Till you ask of your darling what gift you can give her. Oh! she'll whisper you, "Love, as unchangeably beaming, And trust, all in secret, as tunefully streaming, Till the starlight of heaven above us shall quiver, And our souls flow in one down eternity's river."

49 The Wind that Shakes the Barley.



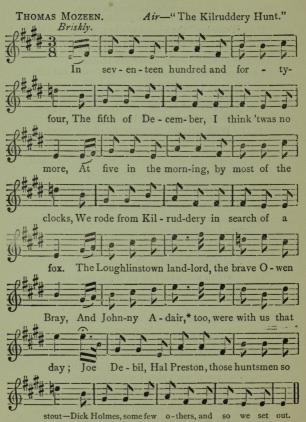
The Wind that Shakes the Barley.

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'Twas hard the woeful words to frame
To break the ties that bound us;
But harder still to bear the shame
Of foreign chains around us.
And so I said, "The mountain glen
I'll seek at morning early,
And join the brave United Men,"
While soft winds shook the barley.

While sad I kissed away her tears
My fond arms round her flinging,
The foeman's shot burst on our ears,
From out the wildwood ringing;
The bullet pierced my true love's side,
In life's young spring so early,
And on my breast in blood she died,
When soft winds shook the barley.

But blood for blood without remorse
I've ta'en at Oulart Hollow;
I've placed my true love's clay-cold corse
Where I full soon will follow;
And round her grave I wander drear,
Noon, night, and morning early,
With breaking heart whene'er I hear
The wind that shakes the barley!



^{*} No doubt son of Robin Adair, of Holly Park, near Bray, who was member of the Irish Parliament early in last century, and whom our Scotch friends annexed along with the air "Alicen aroon."

The Kilruddery Hunt.

We cast off our hounds for an hour or more, When Wanton set up a most tuneable roar; "Hark, Wanton," cried Joe, and the rest were not slack: For Wanton's no trifler esteemed by the pak; Old Bounty and Collier came readily in, And every hound joined in the musical din: Had Diana been there, she'd been pleased to the life, And one of the lads got a goddess to wife.

Ten minutes past nine was the time of the day When Reynard broke cover, and this was his way—As strong from Killegar, as if he could fear none, Away he brush'd round by the house of Kilternan, To Carrickmines thence, and to Cherrywood then, Steep Shankhill he climbed, and to Ballyman glen, Bray Common he crossed, leap'd Lord Anglesey's wall, And seemed to say, "Little I care for you all."

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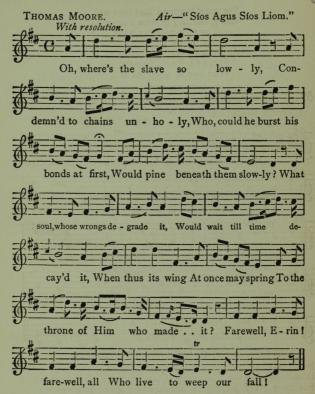
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He ran Bushes Grove up to Carbury Byrnes— Joe Debil, Hal Preston, kept leading by turns; The earth it was open, yet he was so stout, Tho' he might have got in, still he chose to keep out; To Malpas high hills was the way that he flew, At Dalkey's stone common we had him in view; He drove on to Bullock, he slunk Glenageary, And so on to Monkstown, where Larry grew weary.

Thro' Rochestown wood like an arrow he passed, And came to the steep hills of Dalkey at last; There gallantly plunged himself into the sea, And said in his heart, "None can now follow me." But soon, to his cost, he perceived that no bounds Could stop the pursuit of the staunch-mettled hounds: His policy here did not serve him a rush, Five couple of Tartars were hard at his brush.

To recover the shore then again was his drift; But ere he could reach to the top of the clift, He found both of speed and of daring a lack, Being waylaid and killed by the rest of the pack. At his death there were present the lads I have sung, Save Larry, who, riding a garron, was flung: Thus ended at length a most delicate chase, That held us five hours and ten minutes' space.



Less dear the laurel growing Alive, untouch'd, and blowing, Than that whose braid Is plucked to shade The brows with victory glowing.

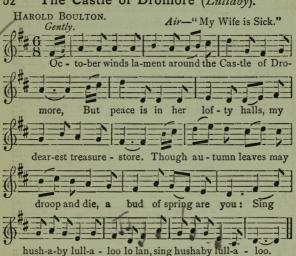
Oh! Where's the Slave?

We tread the land that bore us, Her green flag glitters o'er us, The friends we've tried Are by our side, And the foe we hate before us. Farewell, Erin! farewell, all Who live to weep our fall.

52 The Castle of Dromore (Lullaby).

Sios Liom."

IL E-rin!



Bring no ill-will to hinder us—my helpless babe and me, Dread spirits of the Blackwater, Clan Eoghan's wild banshee; For Holy Mary, pitying us, in heaven for grace doth sue— Sing hushaby lullaloo lo lan, sing hushaby lullaloo.

Take time to thrive, my rose of hope, in the garden of Dromore; Take heed, young eaglet, till your wings have feathers fit to soar. A little rest, and then the world is full of work to do— Sing hushaby lullaloo lo lan, sing hushaby lullaloo.

53 Live in my Heart and Pay no Rent.



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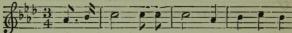


'Vourneen, dry up those tears,
The sensible people will tell you to wait, dear,
But ah! in the wasting of Love's young years,
On our innocent hearts we're committing a chate, dear.
For hearts when they're young should make the vow,
For when they are old they don't know how;
So marry at once and you'll not repent,
When you live in my heart and pay no rent.
Come, come live in my heart,
Live in my heart and pay no rent,
Come, come live in my heart,
Live in my heart, mayourneen.

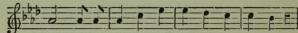
54 The Dear Little Shamrock.

ANDREW CHERRY. Air—"The Dear Little Shamrock."

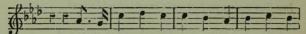
With increasing fervour.



There's a dear lit-tle plant that grows in our



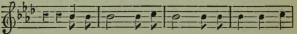
Isle, 'Twas Saint Patrick him-self, sure, that set it;



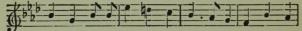
And the sun on his la-bour with pleasure did



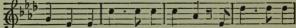
smile, And with dew from his eye of - ten wet it.



It shines thro' the bog, thro' the brake, and the

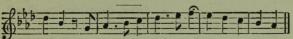


mire-land, And he call'dit the dear lit-tle Shamrock of



Ire-land, The dear lit-tle Shamrock, the sweet lit-tle

The Dear Little Shamrock.



Shamrock, the dear little, sweet little Shamrock of Ireland.

That dear little plant still grows in our land,
Fresh and fair as the daughters of Erin;
Whose smiles can bewitch, and whose eyes can command,
In each climate they ever appear in.
For they shine through the bog, thro' the brake, and the mire-land,
Just like their own dear little shamrock of Ireland;
The dear little shamrock, the sweet little shamrock,
The dear little, sweet little shamrock of Ireland.

That dear little plant that springs from our soil,

When its three little leaves are extended;

Denotes from one stem we together should toil,

And ourselves by ourselves be befriended.

And still thro' the bog, thro' the brake, and the mire-land,

From one root should branch like the shamrock of Ireland,

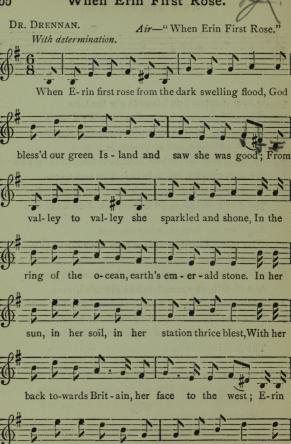
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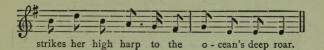
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O sons of green Erin! lament o'er the time
When religion was war, and our country a crime,
When man, of God's image, inverted His plan,
And moulded his God in the image of man.
By the groans that ascend from your forefathers' graves
For their country, left only to tyrants and slaves,
Drive the demon of Bigotry home to his den,
And where Britain made monsters let Erin make men.

Alas! for our Erin, so many are seen
Who would dye the grass red from their hatred to green!
Yet, oh! when you're up and they're down, let them live!
Then yield them the mercy they never would give.
Arm of Erin, be strong! but be gentle as brave,
And uplifted to strike, be still ready to save!
Let no feeling of vengeance presume to defile
The cause or the men of the Emerald Isle.

The cause it is good, and the men they are true,
And the green shall outlive both the orange and blue,
And the triumph of Erin her daughters shall share,
With the full swelling bosom, the fair flowing hair.
Their bosom heaves high for the worthy and brave,
But no coward shall rest in that soft-swelling wave.
Men of Erin, awake, and make haste to be blest!
Rise, Arch of the Ocean, and Queen of the West!

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Oliver's Advice.

There was a day when loyalty was hailed with honour due,
Our banner the protection wav'd to all the good and true—
And gallant hearts beneath its folds were link'd in honour's tie,
We put our trust in God, my boys, and kept our powder dry.

They come, whose counsels wrapped the land in foul rebellious flame,

Their hearts unchastened by remorse, their cheeks untinged by shame.

Be still, be still, indignant heart—be tearless, too, each eye, And put your trust in God, my boys, and keep your powder dry.

The Pow'r that led His chosen by pillar'd cloud and flame
Through parted sea and desert waste, that Pow'r is still the same;
He fails not—He, the loyal hearts that firm on Him rely,
So put your trust in God, my boys, and keep your powder dry.

For "happy homes," for "altars free," we grasp the ready sword, For freedom, truth, and for our God's unmutilated word, These, these the war-cry of our march, our hope the Lord on high; Then put your trust in God, my boys, and keep your powder dry.



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57 The Irish Rapparees.



The Irish Rapparees.

Oh, never fear for Ireland, for she has so'gers still,
For Rory's boys are in the wood, and Remy's on the hill;
And never had poor Ireland more loyal hearts than these—
May God be kind and good to them, the faithful Rapparees!
The fearless Rapparees!

The jewel were you, Rory, with your Irish Rapparees!

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Oh, black's your heart, Clan Oliver, and coulder than the clay!
Oh, high's your head, Clan Sassenach, since Sarsfield's goneaway!
It's little love you bear to us, for sake of long ago,
But howld your hand, for Ireland still can strike a deadly blow—
Can strike a mortal blow—

Och! dhar-a-chreesth! 'tis she that still could strike the deadly blow.

The Master's bawn, the Master's seat, a surly bodagh fills;
The Master's son, an outlawed man, is riding on the hills.
But, God be praised, that round him throng, as thick as summer bees,

The swords that guarded Limerick's wall—his loyal Rapparees!

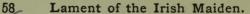
His lovin' Rapparees!

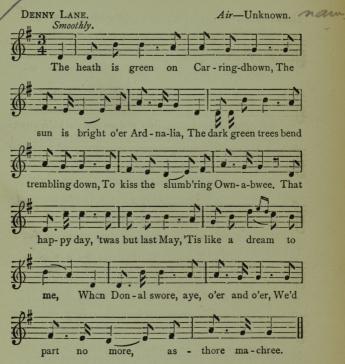
Who dare say no to Rory Oge, with all his Rapparees?

Now, Sassenach and Cromweller, take heed of what I say— Keep down your black and angry looks that scorn us night and day,

For there's a just and wrathful Judge, that every action sees, And He'll make strong, to right our wrong, the faithful Rapparees! The fearless Rapparees!

The men that rode at Sarsfield's side—the roving Rapparees!





On Carringdhown the heath is brown, The clouds are dark o'er Ardnalia, And many a stream comes rushing down To swell the angry Own-a-bwee. The moaning blast is sweeping fast Thro' many a leafless tree, And I'm alone, for he is gone, My hawk is flown, ochone machree!



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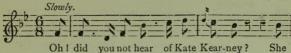
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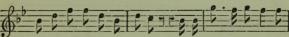
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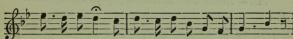
LADY MORGAN.

Air-" Kate Kearney."

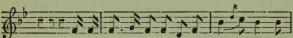




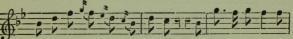
lives on the banks of Kil - lar-ney; From the glance of her eye, shun



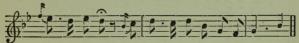
dan-ger and fly, For fatal's the glance of Kate Kearney.



For that eye is so mo-dest-ly beam-ing, You'd



ne'er think of mis-chief she's dream-ing; Yet, oh! I can tell how



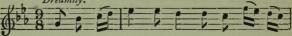
fa-tal's the spell That lurks in the eye of Kate Kear-ney.

Oh! should you e'er meet this Kate Kearney, Who lives on the banks of Killarney, Beware of her smile, for many a wile Lies hid in the smile of Kate Kearney. Though she looks so bewitchingly simple, Yet there's mischief in every dimple; And who dares inhale her sigh's spicy gale, Must die by the breath of Kate Kearney.

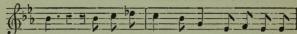
60 The Tree in the Wood.

HAROLD BOULTON. Air—"The Tree in the Wood."

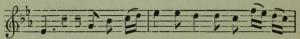
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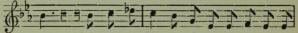
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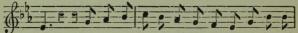
deer- Hound, horn, and hunt-ing spear, to bring him to



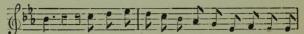
bay; Soaring a - loft in heav'n, the lark ca - rols



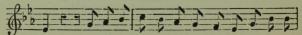
clear, Green waves the leaf- y wood, for to-morrow's May-



day. Loud rings his horn all the day from the hill to the

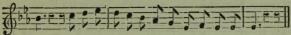


sea, Faint far a-way thro' the wood till the fall of the



night; Wea-ry he rests with his hounds 'neath the hol-low oak

The Tree in the Wood.



tree, Foolish he sinks in-to sleep in the sil-ver moonlight.

Fairer than mortal rose a maid from the brier,
Singing a song more sweet than mortal can tell,
Touched him on brow and lip with kisses of fire,
Gave him to drink the wine of magical spell.
Swift to the dance of the fairies she bore him away,
Crowned him her lover, and king of the mad revelry;
Dead lay his hounds on the sward at dawn of Mayday,
Gone was young Denis that slept 'neath the hollow oak tree.

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Over the hill a horn the forester hears,

When leaves are waving green and to-morrow's Mayday;
Leading the dance at night a maiden appears,

Linked with a huntsman clad in gallant array.

Masterless now are his cattle that low on the hill,

Sad his companions that wonder and wait him in vain,
Bowed in the ashes his mother, that mourns for him still,

Back to the sunlight young Denis comes never again.



61 Remember the Glories of Brien the Brave.



Remember the Glories of Brien the Brave.

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Mononia! when Nature embellished the tint
Of thy fields and thy mountains so fair,
Did she ever intend that a tyrant should print
The footstep of slavery there?
No! Freedom, whose smile we shall never resign,
Go, tell our invaders the Danes,
That 'tis sweeter to bleed for an age at thy shrine
Than to sleep but a moment in chains.

Forget not our wounded companions, who stood
In the day of distress by our side;
While the moss of the valley grew red with their blood,
They stirred not, but conquered and died!
The sun that now blesses our arms with his light,
Saw them fall upon Ossory's plain:
Oh! let him not blush when he leaves us to-night
To find that they fell there in vain!



Avenging and Bright.

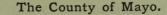
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By the red cloud that hung over Conor's dark dwelling,
When Ulad's three champions lay sleeping in gore—
By the billows of war, which so often, high swelling,
Have wafted these heroes to victory's shore—

We swear to revenge them! No joy shall be tasted, The harp shall be silent, the maiden unwed, Our halls shall be mute and our fields shall lie wasted, Till vengeance is wreak'd on the murderer's head!

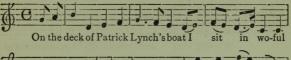
Yes, monarch! though sweet are our home recollections,
Though sweet are the tears that from tenderness fall;
Though sweet are our friendships, our hopes, our affections,
Revenge on a tyrant is sweetest of all!

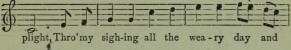


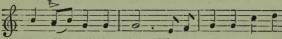
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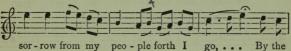
In march time. Air—"Billy Byrne of Ballymanus."

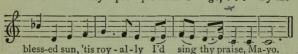






weep-ing all the night. Were it not that full of





When I dwelt at home in plenty, and my gold did much abound, In the company of fair young maids the Spanish ale went round. 'Tis a bitter change from those gay days that now I'm forced to go, And must leave my bones in Santa Cruz, far from my own Mayo.

They are altered girls in Irrul now; 'tis proud they're grown and high,

With their hair-bags and their top-knots, for I pass their buckles by; But it's little now I heed their airs, for God will have it so, That I must depart for foreign lands, and leave my sweet Mayo.

'Tis my grief that Patrick Loughlin is not Earl in Irrul still, And that Brian Duff no longer rules as lord upon the hill; And that Colonel Hugh O'Grady should be lying dead and low, And I sailing, sailing swiftly from the county of Mayo. Opened trul

64 Mo Creeven Eeven Aluin Oge.



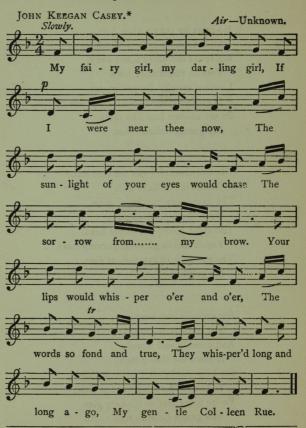
Mo Creeven Eeven Aluin Oge.

My love had riches once, and beauty,
Till want and sorrow paled her cheek;
And stalwart hearts for honour's duty—
They're crouching-now, like cravens sleek.
Oh, Heaven! that e'er this day of rigour
Saw sons of heroes abject, low!
And blood and tears thy face disfigure,
Mo Creeven Eeven Aluin Oge.

I see young virgins step the mountain
As graceful as the bounding fawn,
With cheeks like heath-flow'r by the fountain,
And breasts like downy canavan.
Shall bondsmen share those beauties ample:
Shall their pure bosoms' current flow
To nurse new slaves for them that trample
Mo Creeven Eeven Aluin Oge?

Around my clairseach's speaking measures,
Men, like their fathers tall, arise—
Their heart the same deep hatred treasures,
I read it in their kindling eyes!
The same proud brow to frown at danger,
The same long coolun's graceful flow;
The same dear tongue to curse the stranger—
Mo Creeven Eeven Aluin Oge!

I'd sing you more, but age is stealing
Along my pulse and tuneful fires,
Far bolder woke my chord, appealing
For craven Shamus, to your sires.
Arouse to vengeance, men of brav'ry,
For broken oaths—for altars low—
For bonds that bind in bitter slavery
Mo Creeven Eeven Aluin Oge!



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My Colleen Rue.

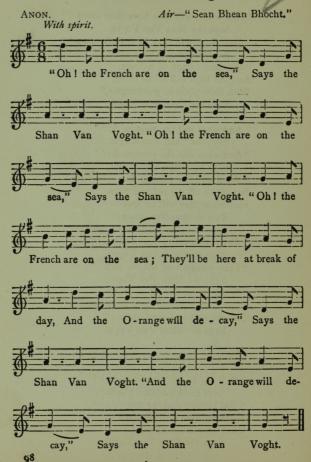
No more by Inny's bank I sit,
Or rove the meadows brown,
But count the weary hours away,
Pent in this dismal town.
I cannot breathe the pasture air,
My father's homestead fondly view;
Or see another face like thine,
My gentle Colleen Rue.

Oh, sweetheart! I can see thee stand
Beside the orchard stile;
The dawn upon thy regal brow,
Upon thy mouth a smile;
The apple bloom above thy head,
Thy cheeks its glowing, glowing hue;
The sun-flash in thy radiant eyes,
My gentle Colleen Rue.

But drearily and wearily
The snow is drifting by;
And drearily and wearily
It bears my lonely sigh,
Far from this lonely Connaught town,
To Inny's sparkling wave of blue;
To the homestead in the fairy glen,
And gentle Colleen Rue.

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The Shan Van Voght.

"And where will they have their camp?"
Says the Shan Van Voght.

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Says the Shan Van Voght.

"On the Curragh of Kildare,
And the boys will all be there,
With their pikes in good repair,"
Says the Shan Van Voght.

"And what will the yeomen do?"
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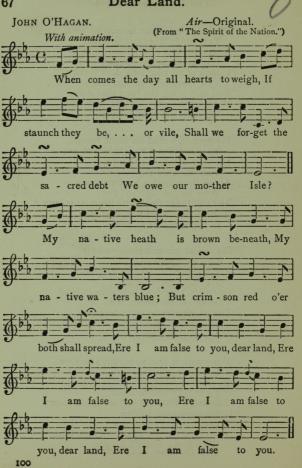
"What will the yeomen do
But throw off the red and blue,
And swear they will be true
To the Shan Van Voght."

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"Then what colour will be seen?"
Says the Shan Van Voght.
"Then what colour will be seen?"
Says the Shan Van Voght.
"What colour should be seen,
Where our fathers' homes have been,
But our own immortal green?"
Says the Shan Van Voght.

"Will old Ireland then be free?"
Says the Shan Van Voght.
"Will old Ireland then be free?"
Says the Shan Van Voght.
"Old Ireland shall be free
From the centre to the sea!
Then hurrah for liberty!"
Says the Shan Van Voght.



Dear Land.

When I behold your mountains bold, Your noble lakes and streams, A mingled tide of grief and pride Within my bosom teems.

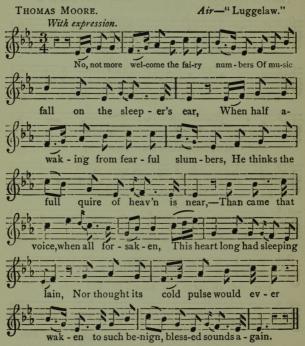
I think of all your long dark thrall, Your martyrs brave and true; And dash apart the tears that start: We must not weep for you, dear land, We must not weep for you.

My grandsire died his home beside,
They seiz'd and hang'd him there;
His only crime, in evil time,
Your hallow'd green to wear.
Across the main his brothers twain
Were sent to pine and rue;
And still they turn'd, with hearts that burn'd,
In hopeless love to you, dear land,
In hopeless love to you.

My boyish ear still clung to hear
Of Erin's pride of yore;
Ere Norman foot had dared pollute
Her independent shore:
Of chiefs, long dead, who rose to head
Some gallant patriot few,
Till all my aim on earth became
To strike one blow for you, dear land,
To strike one blow for you.

What path is best your rights to wrest,
Let other heads divine;
By work or word, with voice or sword,
To follow them be mine.
The breast that zeal and manhood steel
No terrors can subdue;
If death should come, that martyrdom
Were sweet, endur'd for you, dear land,
Were sweet, endur'd for you.

(Erin to Grattan.)

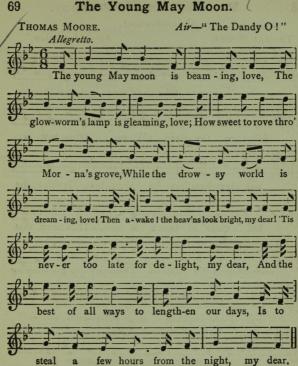


Sweet voice of comfort! 'twas like the stealing Of summer wind through some wreathed shell:

Each secret winding, each inmost feeling Of all my soul echoed to its spell!

'Twas whisper'd balm—'twas sunshine spoken:
I'd live years of grief and pain

To have my long sleep of sorrow broken By such benign, blessed sounds again.



Now all the world is sleeping, love, But the sage, his star-watch keeping, love; And I, whose star, more glorious far, Is the eye from that casement peeping, love. Then awake! till rise of sun, my dear, The sage's glass we'll shun, my dear, Or, in watching the flight of bodies of light, He might happen to take thee for one, my dear.

70 The Mountains of Pomeroy.

GEORGE SIGERSON. Air—"The Mountains of Pomeroy." With sptrit. The morn was break - ing bright and fair, The lark sang in the sky, When the maid she bound her gold-en hair, With a blithe glance in her eye; who, be-yond the gay green wood, Was a-wait-ing her with Oh, who but her gal - lant Ren-ard-ine On the mountains of Pom-e - roy! An outlawed man in a land for-lorn, He scorned to turn and fly, But

kept the cause of freedom safe Up - on the mountains high.

The Mountains of Pomeroy.

Full often in the dawning hour,
Full often in the twilight brown,
He met the maid in the woodland bow'r,
Where the stream comes foaming down.
For they were faithful in a love
No wars could e'er destroy;
No tyrant's law touched Renardine,
On the mountains of Pomeroy!
An outlawed man, &c.

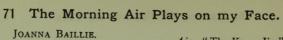
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"Dear love," she said, "I'm sore afraid, For the foeman's force and you! They've tracked you in the lowland plain, And all the valley through. My kinsmen frown when you are named, Your life they would destroy! 'Beware,' they say, 'of Renardine, On the mountains of Pomeroy.'"

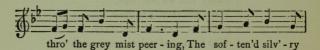
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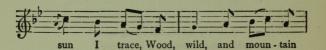
"Fear not, fear not, sweetheart!" he cried,
"Fear not the foe for me!
No chain shall fall, whate'er betide,
On the arm which will be free!
Oh, leave your cruel kin, and come,
When the lark is in the sky;
And it's with my gun I'll guard you,
On the mountains of Pomeroy.
An outlawed man, &c.

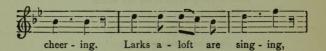
The morn has come, she rose and fled
From her cruel kin and home;
And bright the wood, and rosy red,
And the tumbling torrent's foam.
But the mist came down, and the tempest roared,
And did all around destroy;
And a pale, drowned bride met Renardine,
On the mountains of Pomeroy.
An outlawed man, &c.



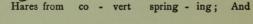






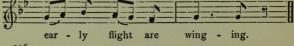






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The Morning Air Plays on my Face.

Brightly ev'ry dewy hawthorn shines,
Sweet each herb is growing,
To him whose willing heart inclines
Upon the way he's going.
Fancy bids me see, now,
What will shortly be, now
I'm patting at her door, poor Tray,
Who fawns and welcomes me now.

How slowly moves the rising latch!

How quick my heart is beating!

That worldly dame is on the watch

To frown upon our meeting.

Fie! why should I mind her?

See who stands behind her!

Whose eye doth on her trav'ler look

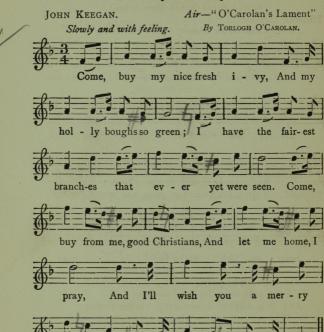
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The Holly and Ivy Girl.



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Ah! won't you take my ivy?
The loveliest ever seen.
Ah! won't you have my holly boughs?
All you that love the green.
Do!—take a little bunch of each,
And on my knees I'll pray
That God may bless your Christmas,
And be with you New Year's Day.

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78 She is Far from the Land.

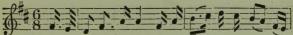
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THOMAS MOORE.

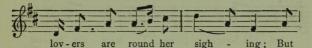
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Smoothly and not too slow.

Air-"Open the Door."



She is far from the land where her young he - ro sleeps, And



cold - ly she turns from their gaze and weeps, For her



She sings the wild song of her dear native plains, Ev'ry note which he loved awaking; Ah! little they think, who delight in her strains, How the heart of the minstrel is breaking!

He had lived for his love, for his country he died;
They were all that to life had entwined him;
Nor soon shall the tears of his country be dried,
Nor long will his love stay behind him!

Oh! make her a grave where the sunbeams rest
When they promise a glorious morrow;
They'll shine o'er her sleep, like a smile from the west,
From her own loved Island of Sorrow.

The Rose Tree in Full Bearing. 74

ALFRED PERCEVAL GRAVES.

Air-"The Rose Tree in Full Bearing." (" Moirin ní chuillionáin.")



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Then April smiled to cheer us,

Or mock'd grief with golden rain, near us, While Kate drew laughing Or frown'd past with dear

disdain: Till was it yester even, Beneath thy clust'ring rosy

twine, With Love's one star in heaven, Her lips leant at last to mine. IIO

And when I fondly told her,

turned at last.

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O Rose, all our stormy grief, And how my hope grew bolder With thy every op'ning leaf.

She answer'd, "For so sharing, Dear heart, Love's weary winter hour,

The rose tree in full bearing Shall build us our summer bow'r."

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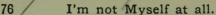
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Eileen's Farewell.



Think on my doom,
And weep for pity, Neil Dhuv!
On the slab of my tomb
No name be graven but Love.
With the winds, in places lonely,
My name of sorrow shall dwell,
And I sigh to them only
To waft thee Eileen's farewell.





Oh, I'm not myself at all, Molly dear, Molly dear, My appetite's so small: I once could pick a goose; But my buttons is no use,

I'm not Myself at all.

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Faith, my tightest coat is loose,
Molly dear,
And I'm not myself at all!
If thus it is I waste,
You'd betther, dear, make haste,
Before your lover's gone away intirely;
If you don't soon change your mind,
Not a bit of me you'll find,
And what 'ud you think o' that, Molly Brierly?
Oh, I'm not myself at all!

Oh, my shadow on the wall,
Molly dear, Molly dear,
Isn't like myself at all,
For I've got so very thin,
Myself says 'tisn't him,
But that purty girl so slim,
Molly dear,
And I'm not myself at all!
If thus I smaller grew,
All fretting, dear, for you,
'Tis you should make me up the deficiency,
So just let Father Taaff
Make you my betther half,
And you will not the worse for the addition be—

I'll be not myself at all,
Molly dear, Molly dear,
Till you my own I call!
Since a change o'er me there came
Sure you might change your name,
And 'twould just come to the same,
Molly dear,
'Twould just come to the same:
For if you and I were one,

All confusion would be gone,
And 'twould simplify the matther intirely;
And 'twould save us so much bother,
When we'd both be one another—
So listen now to rayson, Molly Brierly;
Oh I'm not mysler to live

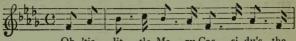
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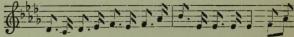
Little Mary Cassidy.

FRANCIS A. FAHY. Air-" The Little Stack of Barley."

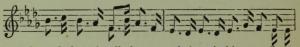


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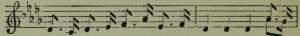




raison that I am not now the boy I used to be; Oh, she



bates the beauties all that we read about in his-to-ry, Sure



half the country side's as lost for her as me. Travel



Ire-land up and down, hill, village, vale, and town, Girl



like my colleen dhown you'll be looking for in vain. Oh, I'd

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Little Mary Cassidy.



rather live in po-ver-ty with lit-tle Ma-ry Cas-sidy, Than



Em-per-or without her be o'er Ger-ma-ny or Spain.

'Twas at the dance at Darmody's that first I caught a sight of her, And heard her sing the Drinan Donn, till tears came in my eyes,

And ever since that blessed hour I'm dreaming day and night of her;

The divil a wink of sleep at all I get from bed to rise.

Cheeks like the rose in June, song like the lark in tune,

Working, resting, night or noon, she never leaves my mind;

Oh, till singing by my cabin fire sits little Mary Cassidy,

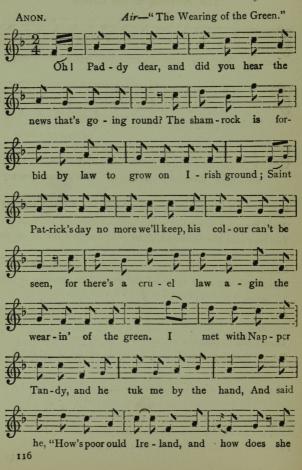
'Tis little aise or happiness I'm sure I'll ever find.

What is wealth, what is fame, what is all that people fight about, To a kind word from her lips or a love-glance from her eye?

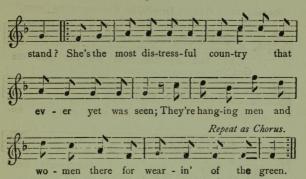
Oh, though troubles throng my breast, sure they'd soon go to the right-about

If I thought the curly head of her would rest there by and by. Take all I own to-day, kith, kin, and care away,
Ship them all across the say, or to the frozen zone;
Lave me an orphan bare—but lave me Mary Cassidy,
I never would feel lonely with the two of us alone.

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Then since the colour we must wear is England's cruel red,
'Twill serve but to remind us of the blood that she has shed;
You may take the Shamrock from your hat and cast it on the sod,

But, never fear, 'twill take root there, tho' under foot 'tis trod.

When laws can stop the blades of grass from growing as they grow,

And when the leaves in summertime their verdure dare not show,

Then I will change the colour I wear in my caubeen; But till that day, plase God, I'll stick to wearin' of the green.



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Innishowen.

SIR CHARLES GAVAN DUFFY. Air-" The Bunch of Green Rushes." With spirit. God bless the grey mountains of dark Don - e - gal! God bless Roy-al Ai-leach, the pride of them all! For she sits ev - er-more like a queen on her throne, And smiles on the val - leys of green In - nish-owen. And fair are the val - leys of green In-nish - owen, And har - dy the fish- ers that call them their own- A race that nor trai-tor nor cow- ard has known, Enjoys the green val - leys of green In - nish-owen.

Innishowen.

Oh! simple and bold are the bosoms they bear, Like the hills that with silence and nature they share; For our God, who hath planted their home near His own, Breath'd His spirit abroad upon fair Innishowen.

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Then praise to our Father for wild Innishowen, Where fiercely for ever the surges are thrown—Nor weather nor fortune a tempest hath blown Could shake the strong bosoms of brave Innishowen.

See the beautiful Couldah careering along—
A type of their manhood so stately and strong—
On the weary for ever its tide is bestown,
So they share with the stranger in fair Innishowen.
God guard the kind homesteads of fair Innishowen,
Which manhood and virtue have chos'n for their own;
Not long shall the nation in slavery groan
That rears the tall peasants of fair Innishowen.

Nor purer of old was the tongue of the Gael, When the charging "Aboo" made the foreigner quail, Than it gladdens the stranger in welcome's soft tone, In the home-loving cabins of kind Innishowen.

Oh! flourish, ye homesteads of kind Innishowen. Where seeds of a people's redemption are sown; Right soon shall the fruit of that sowing have grown, To bless the kind homesteads of green Innishowen.

Like the oak of St. Bride, which nor devil, nor Dane, Nor Saxon, nor Dutchman could rend from her fane, They have clung by the creed and the cause of their own, Through the midnight of danger in true Innishowen.

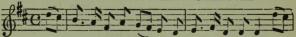
Then shout for the glories of old Innishowen, The stronghold that foeman has never o'erthrown— The soul and the spirit, the blood and the bone, That guard the green valleys of true Innishowen.

The Maiden City.

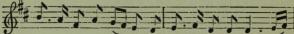
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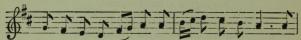
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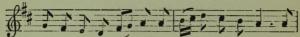
Where Foyle his swelling wa-ters Rolls northward to the main, Here,



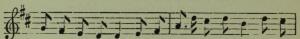
Queen of Erin's daughters, Fair Der-ry fixed her reign; A



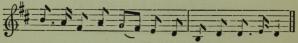
ho - ly tem-ple crowned her, And commerce graced her street, A



rampart wall was round her, The riv-er at her feet; And



here she sat a - lone, boys, And look-ing from the hill, Vow'd the



Maid-en on her throne, boys, Would be a Maid-en still.

From Antrim crossing over, In famous eighty-eight, A plumed and belted lover Came to the Ferry Gate; She summoned to defend her

Our sires—a beardless race— They shouted, "No Surrender!" And slamm'd it in his face.

The Maiden City.

Then in a quiet tone, boys,
They told him 'twas their will
That the Maiden on her throne, boys,
Should be a Maiden still.

Next, crushing all before him,
A kingly wooer came,
(The royal banner o'er him
Blushed crimson deep for shame);
He showed the Pope's commission,
Nor dreamed to be refused,
She pitied his condition,
But begged to stand excused.
In short, the fact is known, boys,
She chased him from the hill,
For the Maiden on the throne, boys,
Would be a Maiden still.

On our brave sires descending,
'Twas then the tempest broke,
Their peaceful dwellings rending,
'Mid blood, and flame, and smoke.
That hallow'd graveyard yonder
Swells with the slaughtered dead—
Oh, brothers! pause and ponder,
It was for us they bled;
And while their gifts we own, boys—
The fane that tops our hill,
Oh, the Maiden on her throne, boys,
Shall be a Maiden still.

Nor wily tongue shall move us,
Nor tyrant arm affright,
We'll look to One above us,
Who ne'er forsook the right;
Who will may crouch and tender
The birthright of the free,
But, brothers, No Surrender!
No compromise for me!
We want no barrier stone, boys,
No gates to guard the hill,
Yet the Maiden on her throne, boys,
Shall be a Maiden still

81 The March of the Maguire.



Uncheered of your spouse,
Without comfort or care,
All night you must house
In some lone, shaggy lair;
The lightning your lamp,
For your sentry, the tramp
Of the thunder round your

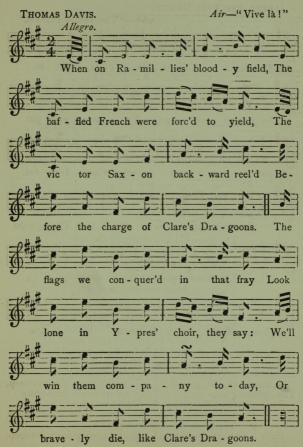
camp;
Hark! 'tis there, 'tis there!

But to-morrow your sword
More terrific shall sweep
On our foe's monstrous horde
Than this storm o'er the steep,
And his mansions lime-white
Flame with fearfuller light
Than yon bolts thro' black
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Hurled blazing down the deep.

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Clare's Dragoons.



The brave old lord died near the fight,
But, for each drop he lost that night,
A Saxon cavalier shall bite
The dust before Lord Clare's Dragoons.
For never, when our spurs were set,
And never, when our sabres met,
Could we the Saxon soldiers get
To stand the shock of Clare's Dragoons.
Vive là the New Brigade!
Vive là the old one too!
Vive là the rose shall fade,
And the Shamrock shine for ever new!

Another Clare is here to lead, The worthy son of such a breed; The French expect some famous deed, When Clare leads on his bold Dragoons.

Clare's Dragoons.

Our colonel comes from Brian's race, His wounds are in his breast and face, The gap of danger is still his place, The foremost of his bold Dragoons.

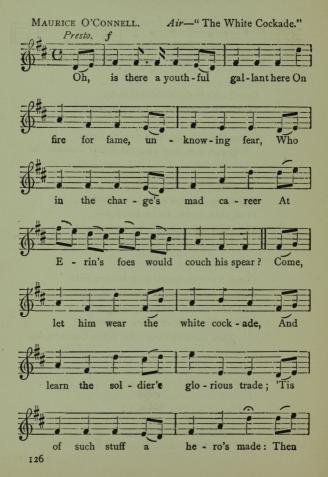
Vive là the New Brigade!
Vive là the old one too!
Vive là the rose shall fade,
And the Shamrock shine for ever new!

There's not a man in the squadron here Was ever known to flinch or fear; Though first in charge and last in rere Have ever been Lord Clare's Dragoons. But, see! we'll soon have work to do, To shame our boasts or prove them true, For hither comes the English crew To sweep away Lord Clare's Dragoons. Vive là for Ireland's wrong! Vive là for Ireland's right!

Vive là in battled throng,
For a Spanish steed and sabre bright!

Oh, comrades! think how Ireland pines
Her exiled lords, her rifled shrines
Her dearest hope the ordered lines
And bursting charge of Clare's Dragoons.
Then fling your Green Flag to the sky,
Be Limerick your battle-cry,
And charge till blood floats fetlock-high
Around the track of Clare's Dragoons.

Vive là the New Brigade!
Vive là the old one too!
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And the Shamrock shine for ever new!



The White Cockade.



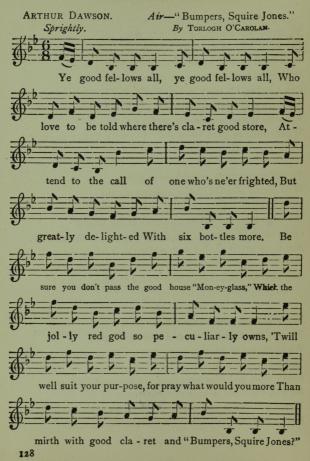
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Does Erin's foully slandered name
Suffuse thy cheek with generous shame?
Would'st right her wrongs—restore her fame?
Come, then, the soldier's weapon claim.
Come, then, and wear the White Cockade, &c.

To many a fight thy fathers led,
Full many a Saxon's life-blood shed;
From thee, as yet, no foe has fled—
Thou wilt not shame the glorious dead?
Then come and wear the White Cockade, &c.

Come, free from bonds your fathers' faith,
Redeem its shrines from scorn and scathe,
The hero's fame, the martyr's wreath,
Will gild your life or crown your death,
Then come and wear the White Cockade, &c.





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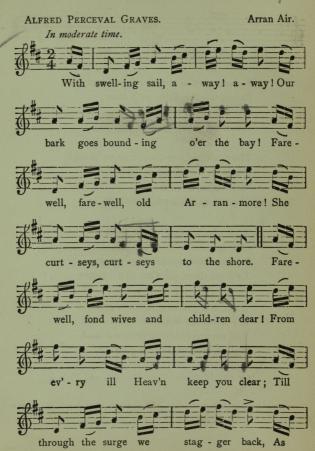
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Ye lovers who pine, ye lovers who pine,
For lasses who oft prove as cruel as fair,
Who whimper and whine for lilies and roses,
With eyes, lips, and noses, or tip of an ear,
Come hither, I'll show ye how Phyllis and Chloe
No more shall occasion such sighs and such groans;
For what mortal so stupid as not to quit Cupid,
When called by good claret and "Bumpers, Squire Jones"?

Ye soldiers so stout, ye soldiers so stout,
With plenty of oaths, tho' not plenty of coin,
Who make such a rout of all your commanders,
Who served us in Flanders, and eke at the Boyne,
Come leave off your rattling, of fighting and battling,
And know you'd much better to sleep with whole bones;
Were you sent to Gibraltar, your notes you'd soon alter,
And wish for good claret and "Bumpers, Squire Jones!"

Ye fox-hunters, eke, ye fox-hunters, eke,
That follow the call of the horn and the hound,
Who your ladies forsake before they awake
To beat up the brake where the vermin is found,
Leave Piper and Blueman, shrill Duchess and Trueman,
No music is found in such dissonant tones;
Would you ravish your ears with the songs of the spheres?
Hark away! to the claret—"A bumper, Squire Jones!"



Arranmore Boat Song.



For when we've sowed and gardened here, Far off to other fields we'll steer; Our farm upon the distant deep Where all at once you till and reap.

There, there the reeling ridge we plough, Our coulter keen the cutter's prow; While fresh and fresh from out the trawl The fish by hundreds in we haul.

Thou glorious sun, gleam on above O'er Ara, Ara of our love. Ye ocean airs, preserve her peace, Ye night dews, yield her rich increase.

Until, one glitt'ring realm of grain, She waves her wand'rers home again; And we come heaping from our hold A silver crop, beside the gold.

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86 The Dew each Trembling Leaf.

MARY BALFOUR. Air-" Nancy of the Branching Tresses." Smoothly. dew each trem-bling leaf enwreath'd, The breast sweet sung, balm - y air with fra - grance breath'd From with hung; The bowers still faint - ly gleam'd, And ting sun swift and sweet the mo - ments flew With whose smile too art - less seem'd To 132

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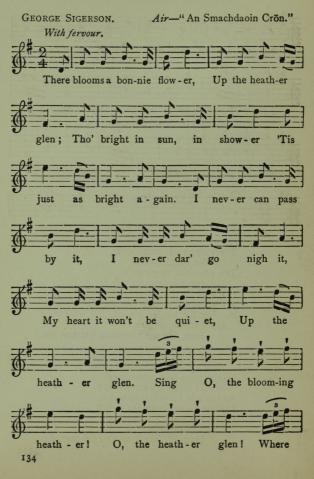
But now a dreary scene I range,
Dejected and alone;
Yet blooming nature knows no change,
Alas! 'tis all her own.
The rose still lifts her lovely form,
The dew still sparkles on the tree,
But, oh! the smile that crowned their charm
No longer beams on me.



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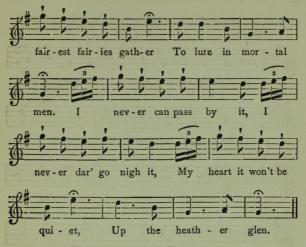
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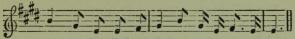


There sings a bonnie linnet,
Up the heather glen,
The voice has magic in it
Too sweet for mortal men!
It brings joy doon before us,
Wi' winsome, mellow chorus,
But flies far, too far, o'er us,
Up the heather glen.
Sing, O! the blooming heather, &c.

O, might I pull the flower
That's blooming in that glen,
Nae sorrows that could lower
Would make me sad again!
And might I catch that linnet,
My heart—my hope are in it!
O, heaven itself I'd win it,
Up the heather glen!
Sing, O! the blooming heather, &c.



The Bells of Shandon.



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I've heard bells chiming full many a clime in,
Tolling sublime in cathedral shrine;
While at a glibe rate their brass tongues would vibrate,
But all their music spoke nought like thine:
For memory dwelling on each proud swelling
Of thy belfry knelling its bold notes free,
Made the bells of Shandon
Sound far more grand on
The pleasant waters of the river Lee.

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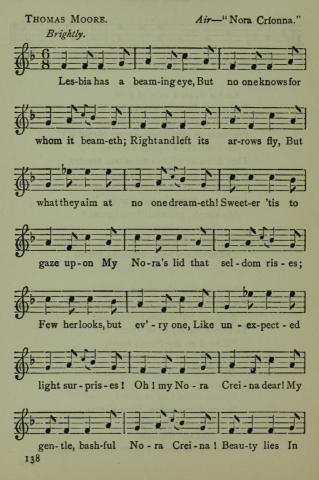
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I've heard bells tolling "old Adrian's Mole" in,
Their thunder rolling from the Vatican,
And cymbals glorious, swinging uproarious
In the gorgeous turrets of Notre Dame:
But thy sounds were sweeter than the dome of Peter
Flings o'er the Tiber, pealing solemnly.
Oh! the bells of Shandon
Sound far more grand on
The pleasant waters of the river Lee.



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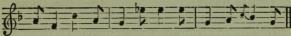
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ma-ny eyes, But love in yours, my No - ra Crei - na.

Lesbia wears a robe of gold,
But all so close the nymph has laced it,
Not a charm of beauty's mould
Presumes to stay where nature placed it!
Oh! my Nora's gown for me,
That floats as wild as mountain breezes,
Leaving every beauty free
To sink or swell as heaven pleases!
Yes, my Nora Creina dear!
My simple, graceful Nora Creina!
Nature's dress
Is loveliness,
The dress you wear, my Nora Creina!

Lesbia has a wit refined,
But, when its points are gleaming round us,
Who can tell if they're designed
To dazzle merely or to wound us?
Pillowed on my Nora's heart,
In safer slumber love reposes—
Bed of peace, whose roughest part
Is but the crumpling of the roses!
Oh, my Nora Creina dear!
My mild, my artless Nora Creina!
Wit, though bright,
Has not the light
That warms your eyes, my Nora Creina!

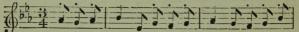
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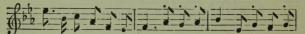
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Air—" Consider well, all ye pretty young maids."

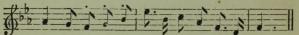
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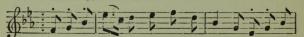
When sky-larks soar-ing to heav'n were pour-ing The trembling



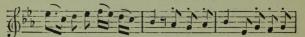
ca-dence of their long, sweet cry, As lone I wan-dered and pen-sive



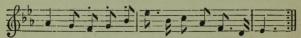
pon-dered, My queen of maid-ens, she came mus-ing by.



Her foot-step fal - ter'd, She blushed, and al - ter'd Her crim-son



ker-chief with gest - ure shy. It could not hide her, And so be-



side her, I took the moun-tain track to old A - thy.

Till as we rounded the ridge that bounded

The cowslip meadow from the coom below,

A sad, slow tolling from far up-rolling Cast sudden shadow on my colleen's brow;

In prayer low bending,

She knelt, commending
The parting spirit to heav'n above,

And that one motion

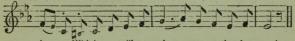
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Has set a hallowed seal upon my love.

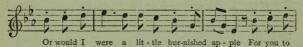
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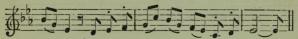




bo- som, With-in your silk-en bo - som, as that does now!



pluck me, gliding by so cold, While sun and shade your robe of lawn will



dap - ple Your robe of lawn and your hair's spun gold.

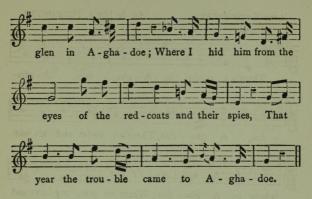
Yea, would to God I were among the roses That lean to kiss you as you float between, While on the lowest branch a bud uncloses, A bud uncloses to touch you, Queen. Nay, since you will not love, would I were growing A happy daisy in the garden-path; That so your silver foot might press me going,

Might press me going even unto death!

Aghadoe.

JOHN TODHUNTER. Air by JOHN TODHUNTER. Slowly. There's a glade in A - gha - doe, A - gha-doe, A - gha - doe, There's a sweet and si-lent glade in A - gha - doe; Where we met, my Love and I, Love's bright pla - net in the sky, In that sweet and si - lent glade in A - gha-doe. There's a glen in A-gha-doe, A-gha-A - gha - doe, There's a deep and se - cret 142

Aghadoe.



But they tracked me to that glen in Aghadoe, Aghadoe,
When the price was on his head in Aghadoe,
O'er the mountains, through the wood, as I stole to him with food,
And their bullets found his heart in Aghadoe.
I walked to Mallow Town from Aghadoe, Aghadoe,
Brought his head from the gaol's gate to Aghadoe,
Then I covered him with fern and I piled on him the cairn:
Like an Irish king he sleeps in Aghadoe.



The Memory of the Dead. 93

JOHN KELLS INGRAM. Air from "The Spirit of the Nation." With animation. Who fears to speak of Nine - ty-eight? Who at the name? When cow-ards mock the pat - ri-ot's fate, Who hangs his head for shame? He's a knave, or half a slave, Who slights his country thus; But a true man, like you, man, Will fill your glass with us. He's all half a slave, Who slights his country thus; But a

true man, like you, man, Will fill your glass with us. 144

The Memory of the Dead.

We drink the memory of the brave,
The faithful and the few;
Some lie far off beyond the wave,
Some sleep in Ireland, too;
All, all are gone, but still lives on
The fame of those who died;
All true men, like you, men,
Remember them with pride.

Some on the shores of distant lands
Their weary hearts have laid,
And by the stranger's heedless hands
Their lonely graves were made;
But though their clay be far away,
Beyond the Atlantic foam,
In true men, like you, men,
Their spirit's still at home.

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The dust of some is Irish earth,
Among their own they rest;
And the same land that gave them birth
Has caught them to her breast;
And we will pray that from their clay
Full many a race may start
Of true men, like you, men,
To act as brave a part.

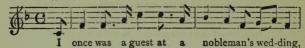
They rose in dark and evil days,
To right their native land;
They kindled here a living blaze
That nothing shall withstand.
Alas! that might can vanquish right!
They fell and passed away;
But true men, like you, men,
Are plenty here to-day.

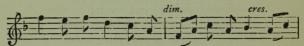
Then here's their memory! may it be
For us a guiding light,
To cheer our strife for liberty,
And teach us to unite!
Through good and ill, be Ireland's still,
Though sad as theirs your fate;
And true men be you, men,
Like those of Ninety-eight.

94 The Nobleman's Wedding.

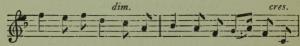
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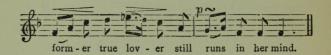




Fair was the bride, but she scarce had been kind; And



now in our mirth, she had tears nigh the shed-ding, Her



Attir'd like a minstrel, her former true lover
Takes up his harp, and runs over the strings;
And there, among strangers, his grief to discover,
A fair maiden's falsehood he bitterly sings.

"Now here is a token of gold that was broken; Seven long years it was kept for your sake; You gave it to me as a true lover's token; No longer I'll wear it, asleep or awake."

The Nobleman's Wedding.

She sat in her place by the head of the table,

The words of his ditty she mark'd them right well;

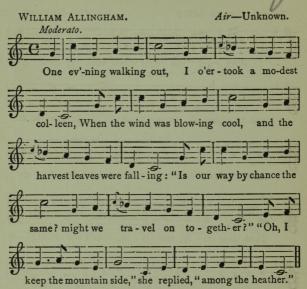
To sit any longer this bride was not able,

So down at the bridegroom's feet she fell.

"Oh, one, one request, my lord, one and no other,
Oh, this one request will you grant it to me?
To lie for this night in the arms of my mother,
And ever, and ever thereafter with thee."

Her one, one request it was granted her fairly;
Pale were her cheeks as she went up to bed;
And the very next morning, early, early,
They rose and they found this young bride was dead.





"Your mountain air is sweet when the days are long and sunny, When the grass grows round the rocks, and the whin-bloomsmells like honey;

But the winter's coming fast with its foggy, snowy weather, And you'll find it bleak and chill on your hill, among the heather."

She praised her mountain home, and I'll praise it too, with reason, For where Molly is there's sunshine and flow'rs at every season. Be the moorland black or white, does it signify a feather, Now I know the way by heart, every part, among the heather?

The sun goes down in haste, and the night falls thick and stormy; Yet I'd travel twenty miles to the welcome that's before me; Singing hi! for Eskydun, in the teeth of wind and weather! Love'll warm me as I go through the snow, among the heather.

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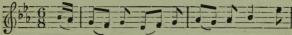
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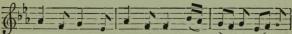
St. Stephen's Night.

ROBERT DWYER JOYCE.

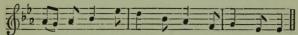
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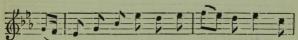
With - out the wild winds keen - ly blow, O'er



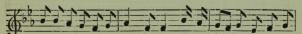
wea-ry wastes of win-try snow; With - in the red fire



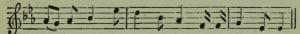
sheds its glow, Where round and round the dan - cers go.



Then mer-ri-ly, mer-ri-ly, round and round; Then



mer-ri-ly, mer-ri-ly round and round, To the sweet-est mu-sic in

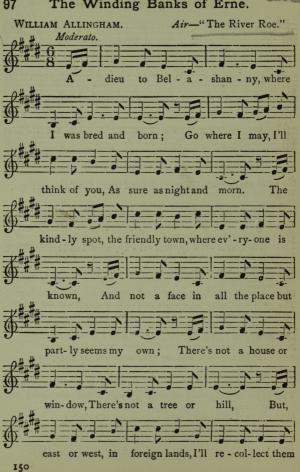


Ire-land's ground, The heart's glad laugh and the bag-pipe's sound.

Then maid and matron, son and sire, With bounding spirits, that cannot tire, Around the bright St. Stephen's fire Go dancing to their hearts' desire.

Then merrily, merrily, round and round,
Then merrily, merrily, round and round,
To the sweetest music in Ireland's ground,
The heart's glad laugh and the bagpipe's sound.

The Winding Banks of Erne. 97



The Winding Banks of Erne.



shan-ny and the wind-ing banks of Erne.

No more on pleasant evenings we'll saunter down the Mall, When the trout is rising to the fly, the salmon to the fall! The boat comes straining on her net, and heavily she creeps, Cast off, cast off—she feels the oars, and to her berth she sweeps; Now fore and aft keep hauling, and gathering up the clew, Till a silver wave of salmon rolls in among the crew. Then they may sit with pipes a-lit, and many a joke and yarn—Adieu to Belashanny, and the winding banks of Erne!

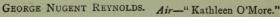
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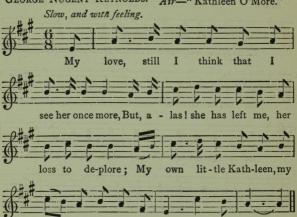
The thrush will call through Camlin groves the livelong summer day:

The waters run by mossy cliffs and banks with wild flowers gay; The girls will bring their work and sing beneath a twisted thorn, Or stray with sweethearts down the path among the growing corn; Along the river-side they go, where I have often been, Oh, never shall I see again the days that I have seen! A thousand chances are to one I never may return—Adieu to Belashanny, and the winding banks of Erne!

Now measure from the Commons down to each end of the Purt, Round the Abbey, Moy, and Knather—I wish no one any hurt; The Main Street, Back Street, College Lane, the Mall, and Portnasun,

If any foes of mine are there, I pardon every one. I hope that man and womankind will do the same by me; For my heart is sore and heavy at voyaging the sea. My loving friends I'll bear in mind, and often fondly turn To think of Belashanny, and the winding banks of Erne.





Her hair glossy black, her eyes were dark blue, Her colour still changing, her smiles ever new; So pretty was Kathleen, my sweet little Kathleen, My Kathleen O'More.

poor, lost Kath-leen, my Kath - leen

She milked the dun cow that ne'er offered to stir:
Though wicked to others 'twas gentle to her,
So kind was my Kathleen, my poor little Kathleen,
My Kathleen O'More.

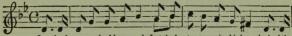
She sat at the door, one cold afternoon,
To hear the wind blow, and to look at the moon,
So pensive was Kathleen, my poor little Kathleen,
My Kathleen O'More.

Cold was the night-breeze that sighed round her bower, It chilled my poor Kathleen; she droop'd from that hour; I lost my poor Kathleen, my own little Kathleen, My Kathleen O'More.

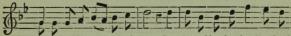
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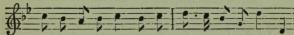
Air-" Crúiscín Lán."



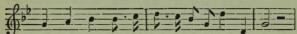
Let the farmer praise his grounds, Let the huntsman praise his hounds, And the



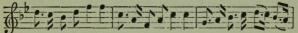
shep - herd his sweet-scented lawn; But I, more blest than they, Spend each



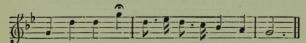
hap-py night and day, With my charm-ing lit-tle cruis-keen



lawn, lawn, lawn, Oh! my smil - ing lit - tle cruis - keen lawn.



Gramachree ma cruiskeen Slainte geal mavourneen, Gramachree a



bawn, bawn, bawn, Oh, Gra - ma-chree a cool - in

Immortal and divine Great Bacchus, god of wine, Create me by adoption your

In hope that you'll comply That my glass shall ne'er run

Nor my smiling little cruiskeen lawn.

Gramachree, &c.

And when grim Death appears,

After few but happy years, And tells me my glass it is run, I'll say, "Begone, you slave! For great Bacchus gives me leave

Just to fill another cruiskeen lawn!"

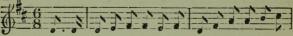
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The Kilkenny Cats.

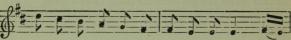
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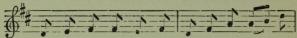
Air-" Better let them alone."



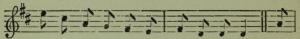
In the da-cent old days, be-fore stockings or stays Were in-



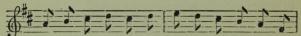
vent-ed, or breeches, top-boots, and top-hats, You'd



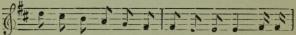
search the whole sphere, from Cape Horn to Cape Clear, And



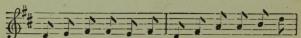
nev-er come near to the likes of our cats. Och,



tun-der! och, tun-der! you'd wink wid the won-der, To



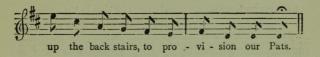
see them keep un - der the mice and the rats, And go



wild for half shares in the phisants and hares They pull'd

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The Kilkenny Cats.



But the shame and the sin of the Game Laws came in, With the gun and the gin of the landlord canàts, And the whole box and dice of the rats and the mice Made off in a trice from our famishing cats.

What did the bastes do? What would I or you?

Is it lie down and mew till we starved on our mats?

Not at all, faix! but fall, small and great, great and small, With one grand caterwaul on each other's cravats.

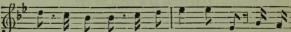
And that mortial night long we should hark, right or wrong, To the feast and the song of them cannibal cats, Gladiath'rin' away till the dawn of the day In fifty-three sharps, semiquavers and flats; And when we went round with the milk-carts we found, Scattered over the ground, like a sprinkle of sprats (All the rest, bit and sup, of themselves they'd ate up), Only just the tip end of the tails of the cats, Of the cats of Kilkenny, Kilkenny's quare cats.



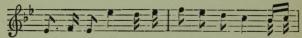
The Widow Malone.

Air-"The Gap in the Hedge." CHARLES LEVER. Briskly.

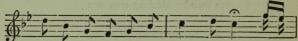
Did ye hear of the Wi-dow Ma-lone, O-hone! Who



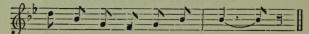
lived in the town of Ath-lone? A - lone! Oh, she



melt- ed the hearts Of the swains in them parts, So



love-ly the Wi-dow Ma - lone, O-hone!



love - ly Wi - dow Ma the

> Of lovers she had a full score, Or more; And fortunes they all had galore, In store;

From the Minister down To the Clerk of the Crown, All were courting the widow Malone, Ohone!

All were courting the widow Malone.

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The Widow Malone.

But so modest was Mrs. Malone,
'Twas known

No one ever could see her alone,
Ohone!

Let them ogle and sigh,
They could ne'er catch her eye,
So bashful the widow Malone,
Ohone!

So bashful the widow Malone.

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Till one Mr. O'Brien from Clare—
How quare!

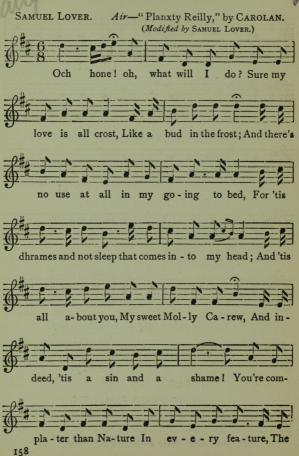
It's little for blushing they care
Down there—
Put his arm round her waist,
Gave ten kisses at laste—
"Oh," says he, "you're my Molly Malone,
My own!"
"Oh," says he, "you're my Molly Malone!"

And the widow they all thought so shy,
My eye!

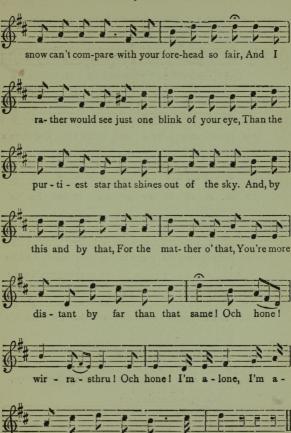
Ne'er thought of a simper or sigh—
For why?

But "Lucius," says she,
"Since you've now made so free,
You may marry your Molly Malone,
Ohone!
You may marry your Molly Malone!"

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Molly Carew.



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Molly Carew.

Och hone! by the man in the moon,
You taze me all ways
That a woman can plaze,
For you dance twice as high with that thief, Pat Magee,
As when you take share of a jig, dear, with me,
Tho' the piper I bate
For fear the owld chate
Wouldn't play you your favourite tune.
And when you're at mass,
My devotion you crass,
For 'tis thinking of you
I am, Molly Carew.

While you wear, on purpose, a bonnet so deep That I can't at your sweet purty face get a peep;

Oh, lave off that bonnet,
Or else I'll lave on it
The loss of my wandering sowl!
Och hone! wirrasthru!
Och hone! like an owl,
Day is night, dear, to me, without you.

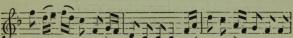
Och hone! don't provoke me to do it;
For there's girls by the score
That loves me—and more,
And you'd look very quare if some morning you'd meet
My wedding all marching in pride down the street;
Troth, you'd open your eyes
And you'd die with surprise
To think 'twasn't you was come to it;
And faith, Katty Naile,
And her cow, I go bail,

Would jump if I'd say,
"Katty Naile, name the day,"
And though you're fair and fresh as a morning in May,
While she's short and dark like a cowld winter's day;
Yet if you don't repent

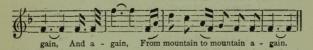
Before Easter, when Lent
Is over I'll marry for spite,
Och hone! wirrasthru!
And when I die for you,
My ghost will haunt you every night.

103 Hark! Hark! the Soft Bugle.

GERALD GRIFFIN. Air-"The Banks of Dunmore." Gracefully. Hark! hark! the soft bugle sounds over the wood, And thrills in the silence of even, Till faint, and more faint, in the far so - li-tude, dies on the port-als of heaven! But E-cho springs up, from her home in the rock, And seiz-es the pe-rish-ing



sends the gay challenge, with shadowy mock, From mountain to mountain a-



Oh, thus let my love, like a sound of delight, Be around thee while shines the glad day, And leave thee, unpained, in the silence of night, And die like sweet music away.

And when hope, with her warm light, thy glancing eye fills, Oh, say-"Like that echoing strain,

Though the song of his love has died over the hills, It will waken in heaven again,

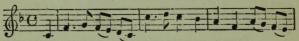
And again; It will waken in heaven again."

The Flight of the Earls. 104

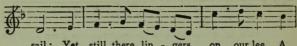
ALFRED PERCEVAL GRAVES.

With spirit.

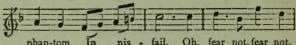
Air—" The Boys of Wexford.



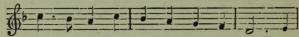
To oth-er shores a - cross the sea We speed with swelling



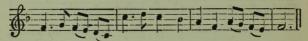
sail; Yet still there lin - gers our lee



nis - fail. phan-tom Oh, fear not, fear not,



gen - tle ghost, Your sons shall turn un - true! Though



fain to fly your love-ly coast, They leave their hearts with you.

As slowly into distance dim Your shadow sinks and dies. So o'er the ocean's utmost

Another realm shall rise; New hills shall swell, new vales expand,

New rivers winding flow: But could we for a foster land

Your mother-love forego? 162

Shall mighty Espan's martial praise

Our patriot pulses still, And o'er your memory's fervent rays

For ever cast a chill?

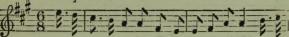
Oh, no! we live for your relief, Till home from alien earth

We share the smile that gilds your grief,

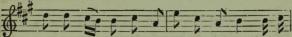
The tear that gems your mirth.

105 The Meeting of the Waters.

THOMAS MOORE. Air—"The Old Head of Denis."
With expression.



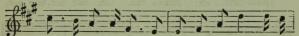
There is not in the wide world a val-ley so sweet As that



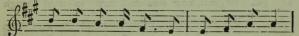
vale in whose bo-som the bright wa-ters meet. Oh! the



last rays of feel-ing and life must de-part, Ere the



bloom of that val-ley shall fade from my heart! Ere the



bloom of that val-ley shall fade from my heart!

Yet it was not that Nature had shed o'er the scene Her purest of crystal and brightest of green; 'Twas not the soft magic of streamlet or hill; Oh, no—it was something more exquisite still:—

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'Twas that friends, the beloved of my bosom, were near, Who made ev'ry dear scene of enchantment more dear; And who felt how the best charms of Nature improve When we see them reflected in looks that we love.

Sweet vale of Avoca! how calm could I rest In thy bosom of shade with the friends I love best, Where the storms that we feel in this cold world should cease, And our hearts, like thy waters, be mingled in peace.

Savourneen Dheelish.

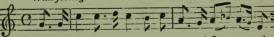
GEORGE COLMAN the Younger.

With feeling.

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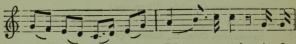
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Air—"S'a mhúirnín díleas."

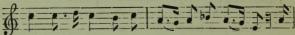


Oh! the mo-ment was sad when my love and I

part-ed; Sa-



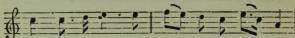
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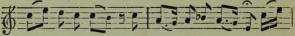
kiss'd off her tears, I was nigh brok-en-heart - ed; Sa-



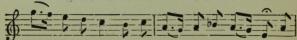
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Wan was her cheek, which hung on my shoul - der;

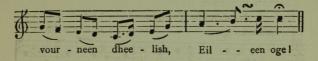


Damp was her hand, no mar - ble was cold - er; I



felt that I ne - ver a - gain should be - hold her; Sa-164

Savourneen Dheelish.



When the word of command put our men into motion,
Savourneen dheelish, Eileen oge!

I buckled my knapsack to cross the wide ocean,
Savourneen dheelish, Eileen oge!

Brisk were our troops, all roaring like thunder;
Pleased with the voyage; impatient for plunder:
My bosom with grief was almost torn asunder,
Savourneen dheelish, Eileen oge!

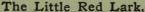
Long I fought for my country, far, far from my true love,
Savourneen dheelish, Eileen oge!

All my pay and my booty I hoarded for you, love,
Savourneen dheelish, Eileen oge!

Peace was proclaimed; escaped from the slaughter,
Landed at home, my sweet girl, I sought her;

But sorrow, alas! to her cold grave had brought her,
Savourneen dheelish, Eileen oge!





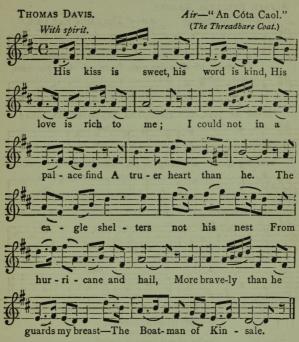


thy fond lov-er, The morn of thy match - less eyes.

Hark! oh, hark to me, Pulse of my heart, I pray! And out of thy hiding With blushes gliding, Dazzle me with thy day. Ah, then once more to thee Flying I'll pour to thee Passion so sweet and gay, The larks shall listen, And dew-drops glisten, Laughing on every spray.

The dawn is dark to me,

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The wind that round the Fast...et | His hooker's in the Scilly van When seines are in the foam;

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Is not a whit more pure, The goat that down Knock Sheehy leaps

Has not a foot more sure.

No firmer hand, nor freer eye
E'er faced an autumn gale.

De Courcy's heart is not so high,

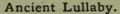
The Boatman of Kinsale.

His hooker's in the Scilly van When seines are in the foam; But money never made the

Nor wealth a happy home. So blest with love and liberty, While he can trim a sail, He'll trust in God, and cling to me,

The Boatman of Kinsale.

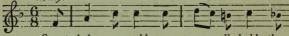
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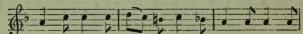
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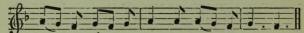
Luinneach. (Hush Song). (Arranged for Music by Dr. JOYCE.) Slowly.



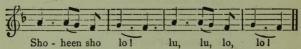
gold - en Sweet babe, cra - dle holds thee, a



Soft a snow-white fleece en-folds thee, Fair-est flowers are



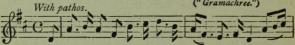
strewn be - fore thee, Sweet birds war - ble o'er thee.



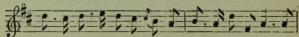
Oh sleep, my baby, free from sorrow, Bright thou'lt ope thine eyes to-morrow; Sleep, while o'er thy smiling slumbers Angels chant their numbers: Shoheen sho lo! lu lu lo!

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Air-" Grádh mo chroidhe." THE HON. GEORGE OGLE. (" Gramachree.")

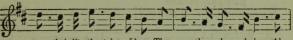


As down by Banna's banks I stray'd, One ev' - ning in May, The



lit - tle birds, in blith-est notes, Made vo - cal ev'-ry spray; They 168

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sung their lit-tle tales of love, They sung them o'er and o'er. Ah,



The daisy pied, and all the sweets
The dawn of Nature yields;
The primrose pale, the violet blue,
Lay scatter'd o'er the fields;
Such fragrance in the bosom lies

rsare

Of her whom I adore.

Ah, gramachree, &c.

I laid me down upon a bank,
Bewailing my sad fate,
That doomed me thus the slave of love
And cruel Molly's hate.
How can she break the honest heart
That wears her in its core?
Ah, gramachree, &c.

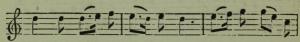
Two turtle-doves above my head
Sat courting on a bough;
I envied them their happiness,
To see them bill and coo;
Such fondness once for me she show'd,
But now, alas! 'tis o'er.
Ah, gramachree, &c.

You said you loved me, Molly dear;
Ah! why did I believe?
Yet who could think such tender words
Were meant but to deceive?
That love was all I ask'd on earth;
Nay, Heaven could give no more.
Ah, gramachree, &c.

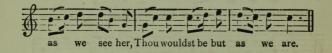
111 Happy 'tis, thou Blind, for Thee.

From the Irish by DOUGLAS HYDE.





That thou se - est not our star; Couldst thou see but



Once I pitied sightless men,
I was then unscathed by sight;
Now I envy those who see not,
They can be not hurt by light.

Woe who once has seen her please,
And then sees her not each hour;
Woe for him her love-mesh binding,
Whose unwinding passes power.

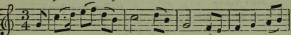


112 The Red-Haired Man's Wife.

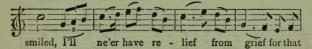
KATHARINE HINKSON (Tynan).

(Adapted to Music by the Editor.)

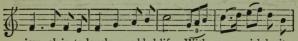
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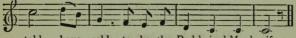
Though full as 'twill hold of gold the harvest has



fond grey-eyed child, Whom kin-dred most cru-el, poor



jew - el, in-to loveless wedded life, With an-guish be it



told, have sold to be the Red-haired Man's wife.

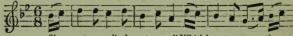
That fond valentine of mine a letter I sent,
That I'd soon sail with store galore to wed her ere Lent.
Her friends stole the note I wrote, and far worse than with knife
Have slain my bright pearl for a churl: she's the Red-haired
Man's wife.

Oh, child and sweetheart, their art had you but withstood
Till I had come home o'er the foam for our great joy and good,
I had not now to go under woe o'er the salt sea's strife,
A wanderer to France from the glance of the Red-haired Man's
wife.

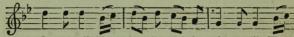
113 My Love, oh, she is my Love.

From the Irish by DOUGLAS HYDE. Air—Unknown.

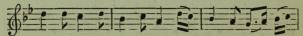
With deep melancholy.



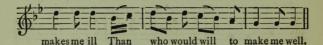
She casts a spell, oh, casts a spell Which haunts me more than



can tell, More dear because she makes me ill Than



who would will to make me well, More dear be-cause she



She is my store, oh, she my store, Whose grey eye woundeth me so sore, Who will not place in mine her palm, Who will not calm me any more.

Too hard my case, too hard my case; How have I lived so long a space, And she to trust me never more, Though I adore her silent face?

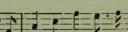
She's my desire, oh, my desire, More glorious than the bright sun's fire; Who were than wind-blown ice more cold, Were I so bold as to sit by her.

Oh, she it is hath stole my heart, And left a void and aching smart, And if she soften not her eye, Then life and I in pain must part.

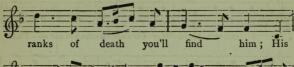
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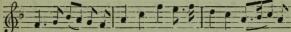


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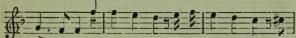


The Min-strel Boy to the war is gone, In the

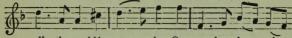




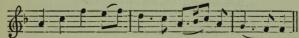
father's sword he has gird-ed on, And his wild harp slung be-



hind him. "Land of song!" said the war-rior bard, "Tho"



all the world be - trays thee, One sword, at least, thy

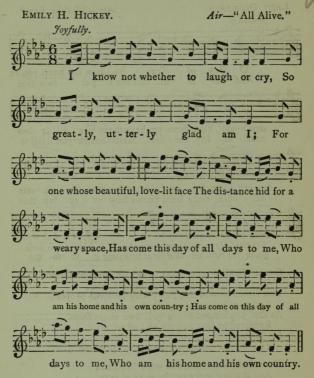


rights shall guard, One faith-ful harp shall praise thee."

The minstrel fell!—but the foeman's chain Could not bring his proud soul under;
The harp he loved ne'er spoke again,
For he tore its chords asunder;
And said, "No chain shall sully thee,
Thou soul of love and bravery!

Thy songs were made for the pure and free, They shall never sound in slavery."

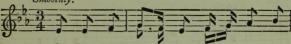
115 His Home and His Own Country.



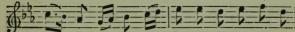
What shall I say who am here at rest, Led from the good things up to the best? Little my knowledge, but this I know, It was God said, "Love each other so." O love, my love, who hast come to me, Thy love, thy home, and thy own country. LADY DUFFERIN.

Air-" Dublin Bay."

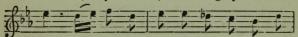
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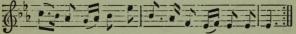
O Bay of Dub - lin, how my heart you're And nev - er till this life's pul - sa - tion



troub - lin', Your beau-ty haunts me like a fe - ver ceas - es, My ear - liest, latest thought you'll fail to



dream; Like fro - zen foun-tains that the sun sets be. Oh, none here knows how ve - ry fair that



bub-blin', My heart's blood warms when I but hear your name, place is! And no one cares how dear it is to me.

Sweet Wicklow mountains! the soft sunlight sleepin' On your green uplands is a picture rare; You crowd around me, like young maidens peepin', And puzzlin' me to say which is most fair,

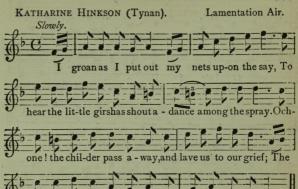
As the you longed to see your own sweet faces Reflected in that smooth and silver sea. My fondest blessin' on those lovely places,

Tho' no one cares how dear they are to me.

How often, when alone at work I'm sittin', And musing sadly on the days of yore, I think I see my pretty Katie knittin', The childer playin' round the cabin door; I think I see the neighbours' kindly faces

All gathered round, their long-lost friend to see; Though none here knows how very fair that place is, Heav'n knows how dear my poor home was to me.

117 Song of an Island Fisherman.



Why would you go so fast with him you never knew? In all the throuble that is past I never frowned on you. The light of my old eyes you are! the comfort o' my heart! Waitin' for me your mother lies in blessed Innishart.

fall-ing of the leaf.

stran-ger took my lit-tle lass at

Her lonesome grave I keep from all the cold world wide, But you in life an' death will sleep the stranger still beside, Ochone! my thoughts are dark and wild; but little blame, I say; An ould man hungerin' for his child, a-work the livelong day.

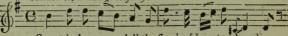
You will not run again laughin' to see me land. Oh, what was pain and throuble then, holdin' your little hand? Or when your darlin' head let fall its soft curls on my breast? Why do the childer grow at all to love the stranger best?

The Flower of Beauty.

Common Distriction of Beat

GEORGE DARLEY.

Air—" Miss Hamilton,"
by Lyons, in 1706.



Sweet in her green dell the flow'r of beauty 'slum-bers,

The Flower of Beauty.



Ah, where the woodbines with sleepy arms have wound her, Opes she her eyelids at the dream of my lay,

Listening, like the dove, while the fountains echo round her, To her lost mate's call in the forests far away.

Come, then, my bird! for the peace thou ever bearest, Still heaven's messenger of comfort to me;

Isay;

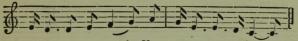
ast?

Come! this fond bosom, O faithfulest and fairest,
Bleeds with its death-wound, its wound of love for thee.

The Irish Emigrant.

119 LADY DUFFERIN. Air by G. BARKER. Slowly. sit - ting on the stile, Ma - ry, Where we sat side by side, On a bright May morning, long a - go, When first you were my bride. The corn was springing fresh and green, And the lark sang loud and high, And the red was on your lip, Ma-ry, And the love-light in your eye. The place is lit - tle changed, Ma-ry, The day is bright as then, The lark's loud song is in my ear, And the corn is green a - gain; But I miss the soft clasp of your hand, And the breath warm on my cheek, And I still keep list ning for the words You 178

The Irish Emigrant.



nev-er-more may speak, You nev-er-more may speak.

'Tis but a step down yonder lane,
The little church stands near—
The church where we were wed, Mary—
I see the spire from here;
But the graveyard lies between, Mary,
My step might break your rest,
Where you, my darling, lie asleep
With your baby on your breast.

here

I'm very lonely now, Mary,
The poor make no new friends;
But, oh, they love the better still
The few our Father sends.
And you were all I had, Mary,
My blessing and my pride;
There's nothing left to care for now
Since my poor Mary died.

Yours was the good, brave heart, Mary,
That still kept hoping on,
When trust in God had left my soul,
And half my strength was gone.
There was comfort ever on your lip,
And the kind look on your brow;
I bless you, Mary, for that same,
Though you can't hear me now.

I'm bidding you a long farewell,
My Mary, kind and true!
But I'll not forget you, darling,
In the land I'm going to.
They say there's bread and work for all,
And the sun shines always there;
But I'll not forget old Ireland
Were it fifty times as fair.

GLOSSARY OF IRISH WORDS.

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- 1 Aileen aroon = Eibhlín a rúin = Eileen O secret (love).
- 3 Róisín dubh=Black little rose.
- 6 Shule agra=Siúbhail a ghrádh=Walk, O love.
- Go-dé-thu, mavourneen slaun=Go dtéidh tu mo mhúirnín slán=That you may go safe, my darling.
- Aboo = (probably) Go buaidh = To victory.
- 16 Nach mbaineann sin dó=(Him) whom that does not concern.
- Feadam nios ail liom=(perhaps) Feadaoil níor áil liom=I did not like whistling.
- Garnavilla = Garaidh an bhile = The garden of the tree.
- Colleen dhas crootha na mo=Cailín deas crúidhte na mbó=The pretty girl of the milking of the cows, i.e., milking the cows.
- Draherin o machree = Dearbhráithrín óg mo chroidhe = Young little brother of my heart.
- 31 Mabouchal=Mo bhuachaill=My boy. Tilloch=Small plot of land.
- 32 Fág a' bealach = Leave the way.
- 36 Péarla an bhrollaigh bháin = Pearl of white breast.
- 38 Kathaleen bawn = Caitilin bhán = Fair-haired Kathleen.
- 51 An chaiteog=The winnowing sheet. [Irish name of air.]
- 53 Casadh an tsugáin = The twisting of the straw rope. [Irish name of air.]
- 56 Codhladh an tsionnaigh—The fox's sleep. [Irish name of air.]
- 57 Drinawn dhunn = Droighneán donn = Brown blackthorn.
- 60 Cushla machree=Cuisle mo chroidhe=Pulse of my heart.
- 61 Mayourneen = Mo mhúirnín = My darling.
- 62 Pastheen finn = Páistín fionn = Fair-haired child-een. Oro: an exclamation.
- 66 Ni mheallfar mé arís=I shall not be deceived again.
- 69 Mo bhuaichailín buidhe=My yellow-haired little boy.
- 73 Garron = Gearán = Hack or gelding.
- 74 Súas agus síos liom = Up with me and down with me.
- 84 Ree Shamus=Righ Séamas=King James.
- 85 Dar-a-chreesth = Dar Chriost = By Christ.
 - Rory oge=Ruaidhri óg=Young Rory.

 - Bawn=Bádhun=Cattle-yard, or cow-fortress.
 - Bodagh = Bodach = Clown, churl.

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- 86 Owna bwee=Amhain bhuidhe=Yellow river.
 - Ochone machree = Ochón mo chroidhe = Alas, my heart!
- 90 Kinkora=Cinn Coradh="The head of the weir," the royal residence of the O'Briens.
- 91 Mononia=Munster. (Latinized form of Irish "Mumhan," pronounced "Moo-an.")
- 92 Cruachán na Féinne=Croghan of the Fenians.
- 94 Cláirseach=Harp.
 - Creeveen Eeveen=Chraoibhín aoibhinn=Delightful little branch.
- 95 Coolin=Tresses, or back-hair (from "cúl"=back).
- 96 Colleen rue=Cailín ruadh=Red-haired girl.
- 98 Shan van voght=Sean bhean bhocht=Poor old woman.
- 109 Fosgail an dorus = Open the door. [Irish name of air.]
- III Neil Dhuv=Niall Dubh=Black-haired Neill.
- 114 Colleen dhown: "Dhown" is the Munster pronunciation of "Donn"= brown.
- 117 Caubeen = Hat, literally "little cape."
- 118 Beinnsin luachra=Little bunch of rushes. [Irish name of air.
- 134 An smachtaoin crón = The copper-coloured stick of tobacco.
- 138 Nora creina=Nóra críona=Wise Norah.
- 140 Coom=Cúm=Hollow, valley.
- 153 The Cruiskeen Lawn = Crúisgín lán = Full little flask or cruse.
 - Gramachree ma cruiskeen = Grádh mo chroidhe, &c. = Love of my heart is
 my cruiskin.
 - Sláinte geal, mavourneen = Bright health, my darling.
 - A coolin bawn = Her fair-coloured back-hair, or curls.
- 155 Canàts: a term of supreme contempt.
- 164 Savourneen dheelish='S a mhúirnín dhileas=And O my faithful dar-
 - Shighan oh=(perhaps) Sheeran oge=Sidh-bhean og=Young fairy woman.
- 168 Luimneach=Limerick.
 - Shoheen sho = Hush-a-by.
 - Shee Molly mo store = Sí Molly mo stór = It's Molly is my treasure.
- 171 Bean an fhir ruaidh = The red-haired man's wife.
- 173 Moreen: the diminutive of "Mor," a woman's name, now obsolete,
- 176 Girsha=Girrseach=Little girl.



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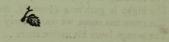
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